

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 7, 2017**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**  
**6:30PM**

**Executive Session – 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum- *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and quorum was declared. Carol Bachofner, Susan Allen Thomas, Gerald Weinand, Loren Andrews, Chair Roberts, Nancy Jeffers, Ron Gamage, and Tom Peaco were present. Jesse Butler was absent, and one Thomaston seat remains unfilled.*
2. Executive Session
  - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss a matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(B). *It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Carol Bachofner to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405(6)(B). Motion carried unanimously, of those present. Executive Session was entered at 5:30 PM and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:35 PM.*
3. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *The regular Board meeting began at 6:40 PM.*
4. Pledge of Allegiance- *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
5. Adjustments to the Agenda – *Add presentations, agenda item number 6.*
6. Presentations
  - (1) *Oceanside High School Students- OHS Principal Jen Curtis and students Samara Robbins, Maia Miller (not present) and Jacob Cormier, spoke to some of their successes in school, and the benefits of social emotional learning.*
  - (2) *Mike Johannning, WBRC- Presentation given to provide an overview of the OMS/OHS building projects.*
7. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (*up to 30 minutes total*)-  
*None*
8. Consent Agenda
  - A. *Approval of the minutes of the meetings of November 2, 2017 and November 16, 2017- Hearing no objections, the minutes from the meetings of November 2, 2017 and November 16, 2017 were acknowledged.*
  - B. *To acknowledge the retirement of Debra Bernard, Special Education Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School, effective December 30, 2017 – The Board acknowledged the retirement of Debra Bernard, Special Education Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School, effective December 31, 2017, with many thanks.*

9. Business Items

A. Action resulting from Executive Session – *Business Item 9 A. removed from the agenda.*

B. To accept the resignation of:

(1) Margaret Allen, Transitional First Grade Teacher, South School, effective November 21, 2017

(2) Pat Taylor, Speech-Language Therapist, effective December 22, 2017

(3) Abby Lourie, Social Worker, effective December 21, 2017

*It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the resignations of: Margaret Allen, Transition First Grade Teacher at South School, Pat Taylor, Speech-Language Therapist, and Abby Lourie, Social Worker, effective December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

C. To approve the appointment of:

(1) Ashley Kangas, Special Education Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School

(2) Veronica Race, Transitional First Grade Teacher, South School

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve the appointments of Ashley Kangas, Special Education Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School, and Veronica Race, Transitional First Grade Teacher at South School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

D. To undertake a first reading of draft Policy KG – *Memorial Objects on RSU 13 Property and Facilities*

*It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a first reading of draft Policy KG- Memorial Objects on RSU 13 Property and Facilities. Motion carried unanimously, of those present. .*

E. To approve Student Support Coordinator position at Oceanside High School – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the Student Support Coordinator position at Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

9. Communications – *Mr. McDonald reported that RSU 13 received funding for twelve heavy tournament chess sets priced at \$38.99 each, through a Donors Choose grant.*

10. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald gave his report.*

B. Report of the Business Manager – *No formal report from the Business Manager.*

C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts gave his report.*

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum & Technology – *Met on December 4, 2017. Next meeting January 22, 2018 at 3:30 PM.*

B. Student Engagement Task Force – *Met on December 4, 2017. Next meeting is February 5, 2018, at 3:00 PM.*

C. Finance & Facilities – *Met on December 7, 2017, just prior to Board Meeting. Next meeting January 4, 2018, at 5:30 PM.*

D. Policy & Communications- *Met November 20, 2017. Next meeting December 18, 2017, at 4:00 PM.*

E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS and New Elementary School Committee Chairs – *OMS/OHS – Committee reports given, WBRC gave presentation earlier in the meeting.*

F. Strategic Planning – *Met November 6, 2017. Next meeting January 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM.*

G. MCST – *Met on November 29, 2017. Next meeting December 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM.*

12. Adjournment – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to adjourn, at 8:35 PM.*