

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – MARCH 1, 2018
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and quorum was declared. Carol Bachofner, Gerald Weinand, Tom Peaco, Nancy Jeffers, Vera Roberts, and Chair Andrews were present. Susan Allen Thomas and Ron Gamage were absent, and a Thomaston and So. Thomaston seat remain unfilled.*
2. Executive Session
 - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D). Executive Session was entered at 6:01 PM and Chair Andrews declared the Board out at 6:31 PM.*

School Board Meeting – 6:30 PM – *The regular School Board meeting began at 6:33 PM.*

3. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – **Business Item A(2) – to acknowledge the appointment of Tara Oxley, School Nurse, District; and Business Item G - To authorize the Superintendent to engage in a partnership with the Rockland Police Department to establish the position of a School Resource Officer for Rockland area schools. See also bold and underlined.**
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (*up to 30 minutes total*)- *Jason McLean, resident of South Thomaston, spoke to Business Item G. Hal Perry, Rockland Resident and RSU 13 employee spoke to Business items C. & D.*
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2018 – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Tom Peaco to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2018. The motion carried, with Vera Roberts abstaining.*
 - B. To acknowledge the retirement of Charles Gallagher, Math Teacher, Oceanside Middle School, effective August 31, 2018. – *It was moved by Tom Peaco and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to acknowledge the retirement of Charles Gallagher, Math Teacher at Oceanside Middle School, effective August 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously, with thanks to Mr. Gallagher for his many years of service.*
7. Business Items
 - A. To acknowledge the appointment of:
 - (1) Scott Browning, Student Support Coordinator, Oceanside High School – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to acknowledge the appointment of Scott Browning, Student Support Coordinator, Oceanside High School. The motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

B. To undertake a first reading of:

- (1) Revised Policy JLCD – *Administration of Medication to Students- It was moved by Tom Peaco and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a first reading of Revised Policy JLCD- Administration of Medication to Students. During discussion of the policy, it was mentioned by Nancy Jeffers that the language doesn't reference Type 1 Diabetes, which she feels should be included. Motion to move to second reading passed unanimously, and suggested edits are noted. .*
- (2) Revised Policy IKF – *Graduation Requirements – It was moved by Tom Peaco and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a first reading of Revised Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements. Motion passed unanimously, of those present.*

C. Ratification of collective bargaining agreement for Teachers effective September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2019 – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to ratify the collective bargaining agreement for Teachers effective September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

D. Ratification of collective bargaining agreement for Education Support Professionals effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to ratify the collective bargaining agreement for Education Support Professions effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

E. To approve a request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference in Springfield, MA, April 6, 7, and 8, 2018 – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference in Springfield, MA, April 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2018. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

F. Board Committee Appointments – *Chair Andrews appointed Board members to the following committees: Curriculum and Technology: Loren Andrews, Chair; Carol Bachofner; and Susan Allen Thomas. Policy & Communication: Tom Peaco, Chair; Loren Andrews; and Carol Bachofner. Finance & Facilities: Nancy Jeffers; Chair; Ron Gamage; Tom Peaco; and Gerald Weinand. Personnel & Negotiations: Loren Andrews, Chair; Ron Gamage; Nancy Jeffers; Susan Allen Thomas; and Tom Peaco. The new MCST member will be Gerald Weinand.*

G. **To authorize the Superintendent to engage in a partnership with the Rockland Police Department to establish the position of a School Resource Officer for Rockland area schools- It was moved by Tom Peaco and seconded by Vera Roberts to authorize the Superintendent to engage in a partnership with the Rockland Police Department to establish the position of School Resource Officer for Rockland area schools. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Gerald Weinand and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to table the motion until the next business meeting. There will be further discussion at the next Board workshop, scheduled for March 15, 2018, at 6:30 PM. Motion to table carried 398 – 196, with Vera Roberts and Tom Peaco opposed.**

8. Communications - *None*

9. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald began his report by discussing Student Government at Oceanside High School and the role they have taken in their own safety and security by starting a Safety Committee. Students asked administrators if they would help them plan a March 14th event to stand for improved school safety and security. Administrators have agreed to work with the students. Superintendent McDonald then went on to talk about the work on the Strategic Plan. Administrators had a retreat and another work session since then to map out the priorities of RSU 13, which are proficiency based learning models and social/emotional learning. A mission statement is in the process of being drafted.*

B. Report of the Business Manager – *Business Manager Peter Orne reviewed the budget schedule. He suggests that the first budget meeting be scheduled for March 19th and follow the next four or five Mondays as needed, with a tentative approval at the May Board meeting. The Budget Validation Meeting is set for May 24th, 2018, and then the vote on June 12th, 2018. The RSU 13 website will be updated throughout the process.*

- C. Report of the Board Chair- *Chair Andrews reported that he feels great about the proficiency based and social emotional learning happening within RSU 13, and that we are “hitting on all cylinders.” He also spoke about the discussion of the School Resource Officer and he feels it’s important that all board members have an equal voice. It is a really tough issue and there are many strong feelings, but he believes the Board will find a solution. He also mentioned that he was happy to have both teacher and ESP contracts settled. He ended his report with mentioning that he and Superintendent McDonald have been invited to a Rockland City Council Meeting on March 12th at 5:30 PM.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – Met February 26th. Next meeting March 26th, 2018, 3:30 PM.
- B. Student Engagement Task Force – Met February 5th. Next meeting April 2nd, 2018, 3:00 PM.
- C. Finance & Facilities – No January meeting. Next meeting March 5th at 5:00 PM.
- D. Policy & Communications – Met February 26th. Next meeting March 19th, 2018, 3:30 PM.
- E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS and New Elementary School Committee Chairs- OMS/OHS met on February 28th. Next meeting March 22, 2018, at 4pm. A tour of Ash Point Community School is scheduled for March 7th, 2018 at 3:30 PM.
- F. Strategic Planning – Planning to get this committee off the ground in September with regular monthly meetings.
- G. MCST – met on February 28th. Next meeting on March 28th, 2018, at 7:00 PM at MCST.

11. Adjournment – It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Vera Roberts to adjourn at 9:08 PM.