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

**PLEASE NOTE EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 6:00 PM**

**Executive Session – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and quorum was declared. Carol Bachofner was absent and one Thomaston seat remains unfilled.*
2. Executive Session
  - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) – *It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Jesse Butler to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D). The motion carried unanimously, of those present. Executive session was entered at 6:00 PM and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:42 PM.*

**School Board Meeting – 6:30pm time in 645**

3. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
4. Adjustments to the Agenda- *Superintendent McDonald added the Student Engagement Task Force Committee under committee reports.*
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) - *None*
6. Presentation – *Superintendent McDonald gave a presentation about overviewing the progress made thus far with the Schools of our Future plan.*
7. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of August 3, 2017 and August 17, 2017 – *Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.*
8. Business Items
  - A. To acknowledge the appointment of:
    - (1) Rachel Brimer, French Teacher, Oceanside High School
    - (2) Jessica Falconer, Social Worker, Oceanside High School
    - (3) Kenneth Russell, Computer Science Teacher, Oceanside High School
    - (4) Smadar Calandri, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School
    - (5) Gabrielle Duke, Physical Education Teacher, South School

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to acknowledge the appointments of Rachel Brimer, French Teacher at Oceanside Middle School; Jessica Falconer, Social Worker at Oceanside High School; Kenneth Russell, Computer Science Teacher at Oceanside High School, Smadar Calandri, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside Middle School; and Gabrielle Duke, Physical Education Teacher at South School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

- B. To approve a request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the annual leadership weekend in Freedom, New Hampshire, September 15-17, 2017 – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Jesse Butler to approve a request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the annual leadership weekend in Freedom, New Hampshire, September 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
  - C. Appointment of School Board members as the RSU 13 Representative and Alternate Representative to the Maine School Boards Association Delegate Assembly which is scheduled for October 26, 2017- *It was moved by Loren Andrews that Chair Roberts be the RSU 13 Representative and that Ron Gamage be the alternate. The motion was seconded by Susan Allen Thomas. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
  - D. To authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with construction manager- It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Jesse Butler that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into an agreement with Bowman Constructors. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.
9. Communications – *The library at Cushing Community School received a grant for a collaborative art endeavor with Leaps of Imagination and Langlais Sculpture Preserve from the Davis Family Foundation. Ruth’s Reusable Resources donated back-packs filled with school supplies to all students at Thomaston Grammar School. He also read a letter from Ben Perry, Historian/Curator of the Alumni Heritage Room, regarding the large wall clock at Central Office. He is requesting that the clock be returned to the building where it originally was so that it may be viewed by alumni and the public.*
10. Reports
- A. Report of the Superintendent- *Superintendent McDonald began his report by welcoming the students of RSU 13 back to school. He reported that the buildings look great and thanked the custodians and maintenance crews for all of their hard work over the summer. Six cameras were installed on busses over the summer, and the goal is to have them all equipped eventually. He completed his report by talking about the in-service days to start the year. August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be building based, and September 1<sup>st</sup> will be a district-wide technology training at Oceanside High School.*
  - B. Report of the Business Manager- *Business Manager Peter Orne gave an update from the Business Office. The report included financial and audit information, an overview of construction financing, and facility and transportation updates.*
  - C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts began his report by advising the Board that Jesse Butler is being added to the Curriculum and Technology Committee. The New Elementary School Building Committee will now be chaired by Ben Tripp, with Susan Allen Thomas as vice chair. He also announced the structure of the Strategic Plan Committee. Steven Roberts will chair the committee. Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, and Susan Allen Thomas will be members. The meeting date will be set shortly.*
11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings
- A. Curriculum & Technology – *Met August 28, 2017. Next meeting September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.*
  - B. *Student Engagement Task Force – Has not met over the summer. SETF will meet again on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 3:00 PM.***
  - C. Finance & Facilities – *Met September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (just prior to Board meeting). Next meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 5:00 PM.*
  - D. Policy & Communications- *Met August 21, 2017. Next meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 PM.*
  - E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS – *Work is complete at the Oceanside Middle School. Next meeting October 5, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Board Room at Central Office. The New Elementary School Committee’s will meet on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:30 PM.*
  - F. MCST- *Met August 23, 2017. Next meeting September 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM.*
12. Adjournment – *It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Ron Gamage to adjourn, at 7:43 PM.*