

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY – MAY 9, 2019**  
**SOUTH SCHOOL**  
**6:30PM**

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and quorum was declared. Tom Peaco, Chelsea Avirett, Gerald Weinand, Doug Curtis, Carol Bachofner, and Chair Andrews were present. Mark Lewis, Amy Williams-Beers, and Susan Allen Thomas were absent, and the South Thomaston seat remains unfilled.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
3. To appoint first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2019 – *It was moved by Tom Peaco and seconded by Doug Curtis to appoint the following first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2019: Jessica Bennhoff, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Shannon Cheviot, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School; Terrance Costa, Social Studies Teachers, Oceanside High School; Jennifer Derene, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School; Amanda Downer, Grade 3 Teacher, South School; Lisa Elliot-Laamann, ISP Social Worker, South School and Thomaston Grammar School; Jaime Gregory, School Nurse, South School; Victoria Hamilton, Music Teacher, South School; Stephen Hensel, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School; Tracy Johnson, Library – Media Specialist, Cushing Community School; Tabbitha Johnston, Grade 5 Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School; Colin Malone, Guidance Counselor, Oceanside High School; Elsie Mason, Science Teacher, Oceanside High School; Paula McShane, Guidance Counselor, Oceanside High School; Kristina Moro, Grade 5 Teacher, Cushing Community School; Michelle Plourde, Special Education Teacher, South School; Kirk Robinson, Health/PE Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Kristi Smith, Special Education Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School and Cushing Community School; Megan (Starks) LaCombe, Grade 2 Teacher, Ash Point Community School; Katherine Stevens, Special Education Teacher; District; Kelly Willis, Special Education Teacher, South School; Anna Young, Science Teacher, Oceanside High School; Neal Young, Social Studies Teacher, Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
4. To appoint second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2019 – *It was moved by Chelsea Avirett and seconded by Carol Bachofner to appoint the following second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2019: Rachael Ahearn, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Shawn Anderson, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School; Courtney Bidwell, Kindergarten Teacher, South School; Ashley Boden, Music Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School and Cushing Community School; Rachel Brimer, French Teacher, Oceanside High School; Scott Browning, Student Support Coordinator, Oceanside High School; Aimee Campbell, Special Education Nurse, District; Nicholas Citriglia, Social Worker, Oceanside Middle School; Gabrielle Duke, Physical Education Teacher, South School; Jamie Eaton, Title 1A Interventionist; South School; Hannah Faesy, Social Worker, Oceanside High School; Jessica Falconer, Social Worker, Oceanside High School; Meredith Fales, School Nurse, Thomaston Grammar School and Cushing Community School; Alex Fayvil, Grade 6 Math Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Mark Feldman, Special Education Teacher, South School; Christina Fish, Social Worker, South School; Holly Flanagan, Title 1A Interventionist, Thomaston Grammar School and South School; Jennifer Goode, Gifted and Talented Teacher, Oceanside High School; Nathaniel Grade, Health Teacher, Oceanside High School;*

*Stefani Gundel, ELA Teacher, Oceanside High School; Catherine Harris, Grade 6 ELA Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Colby Hill, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Teresa Johnson, Special Education Teacher, South School; Ashely Catapano-Kangas, Special Education Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School; Christa Kratowicz, Grade 4 Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School; Nicholas LaBreck, Grade 5 Teacher, South School; Veronica Race, Transitional Grade 1 Teacher, South School; Linda Robbins, Grade 8 Science Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Kyle Robinson, Grade 6 Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Kenneth Russell, Computer Science Teacher, Oceanside High School; Andrea Sgobbo Garver, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Everett Smith, Grade 8 Science Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Ellen Spring, Library/Media Specialist, Oceanside High School; and Allison Ward, Math Teacher at Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

5. To appoint third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2019 – *It was moved by Doug Curtis and seconded by Chelsea Avirett to appoint the following third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September, 1, 2019: Cheryl Berry, Grade 4 Teacher, South School; Bethany Browne, Social Worker, District; Lauren Casey, Music Teacher, Oceanside High School; Jared Cowan, Art Teacher, Oceanside High School; Charlee Currier, Kindergarten Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School; Heidi Grunewald, Grade 5 Teacher, South School; Katherine 'Lily' Hyde, Art Teacher, Oceanside High School; William McClellan, Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher, Oceanside Middle School; Danielle McNichol, Grade 4 Teacher, South School; Heidi Taylor, Guidance Counselor/Social Worker, Ash Point Community School and South School, and Katherine Warner, Kindergarten Teacher, South School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
6. Elimination of positions – *It was moved by Chair Andrews and seconded by Chelsea Avirett to discuss the elimination of positions. It was then moved by Gerald Weinand and seconded by Carol Bachofner to table this agenda item until after Business Item 7. Motion to table carried unanimously, of those present.*

*This agenda item was revisited after the approval of the budget. The following positions were eliminated: 3 (three) Pre-K Teaching positions, South School; 1 (one) Middle School Science Teacher Position, Oceanside Middle School; 1 (one) Grade 3 Teaching Position, Ash Point Community School; 1(one) Grade 2 Teaching Position, Thomaston Grammar School; reduction of .5 Social Studies Position, Oceanside High School; 1 (one) Pre-K Administrative Assistant, South School; 1 (one) Administrative Assistant, Ash Point Community School; 1 (one) Educational Technician Position, Library; 2 (two) Educational Technicians Positions, Pre-K; and .375 Educational Technician Position, Ash Point Community School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
7. To approve the RSU 13 Proposed FY 20 Budget as presented, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to prepare appropriate warrants and processes to conduct a public budget meeting on May 23, 2019 and a budget validation referendum vote on June 11, 2019. *It was moved by Chelsea Avirett and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the RSU 13 Proposed FY 20 Budget as presented, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to prepare appropriate warrants and processes to conduct a public budget meeting on May 23, 2019 and a budget validation referendum vote on June 11, 2019. Discussion ensued. Gerald Weinand then moved to amend the motion to add \$80,000 to fund the Foreign Language Position at Oceanside Middle School. The motion to amend was seconded by Carol Bachofner. After more discussion, Gerald Weinand asked to withdraw the motion. Carol Bachofner was unwilling to withdraw her second, so a vote was called. Motion to add \$80,000 was defeated 98 - 496, (with Amy Williams – Beers, Mark Lewis, and Susan Allen Thomas absent, an empty So. Thomaston seat, and Tom Peaco, Doug Curtis, Chelsea Avirett, Gerald Weinand, and Chair Andrews against.) Tom Peaco then moved to amend the motion to add a School Resource Officer position and reduce the pre-k budget by \$80,000. The motion was seconded by Doug Curtis. After another lengthy discussion, the motion failed 98 - 496 (with Amy Williams – Beers, Mark Lewis, and Susan Allen Thomas absent, an empty So. Thomaston seat, and Doug Curtis, Carol Bachofner, Chelsea Avirett, Gerald Weinand, and Chair Andrews against.) After more discussion and some public participation, a vote on the original motion was called, and then passed 496 – 98 (with Amy Williams – Beers, Mark Lewis, and Susan Allen Thomas absent, an unfilled So. Thomaston seat, and Tom Peaco against.)*
8. Sign the warrants for the FY 20 School Budget – *It was moved by Chair Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner that the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "Regional School Unit") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget*

*meeting be and is hereby called for May 23, 2019 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.*

*FURTHER VOTED: That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 11, 2019 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year.*

*FURTHER VOTED: That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 23, 2019, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 11, 2019 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. Motion carried unanimously, of those present, and warrants were signed.*

9. *Adjournment – The meeting adjourned after the signing of warrants, at 9:10 PM.*