

RSU #12
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010 ~ 6:30 P.M.
CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 6:35 pm.
 Absent: Joan Morin (E), Gene Stover (E), Bob Temple (U), Gary Emond arrived at 6:48 pm, Hilary Holm arrived at 7:05 pm, Chris Johnson arrived at 8:33 pm. Also present were Tracy Jowett – Savings Smiles, Dave Lennox and Lisa Kinney – QBS, Mr. Steve Mehrl, Wiscasset Budget Committee Chair, Mike Gammon (RSU # 12 Employee), Peter Tibbetts (RSU # 12 student), Mellanie Dill (RSU # 12 student), Delaney Chase (RSU # 12 student), Becky Roper (RSU # 12 Employee) and members of the RSU # 12 Administrative Team.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
 Mr. Birmingham led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda
 Superintendent Potter recommended the following adjustments to the agenda:

Additions:

New Business: 11.1 Resignations. “b” Laurie Stiles, WMS, ELA Teacher in June;
 “c” Judith Hardman, WMS, cook, retirement in June;
 “d” Gail Roberts, Whitefield, Teacher, retirement in June.

New Business: 11.2 Appointments: “b” Kim Chatman, Softball coach at Chelsea.

Deletions:

New Business: 11.3 Laurie Stiles from the list of Probationary Teachers
 11.7 Commissioning Agent

Wording Changes:

New Business: 11.5 *“To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Dudley Corp. of Standish, Oak Point Associates and the State of Maine for General Contractor Services related to the Chelsea School construction project.”*

New Business: 11.6 Fill in “Frontline” and \$ 50,000.00.

Move ups: 11.4 Chelsea Boston Trip to after the Board Chair’s Report as 7.1;
 11.9 Program Focus: Dental Program “Savings Smiles” to 7.2
 11.10 Program Focus: QBS Behavior Program, Delia Dearnley to 7.3

Motion: *To accept the additions/adjustments to the agenda as announced.*

1st Lester Sheaffer, 2nd Blake Brown: No discussion. Vote: 12-0-0 Motion Carried Unanimously by all those in attendance and voting.

4. Accept Minutes of April 8th, 2010 (Regular) Meeting and April 28th, 2010 (Special) Meeting.

Motion: *To accept the Minutes of April 8th, 2010 (Regular) Meeting and April 28th, 2010 (Special) Meeting as presented.*

1st Jerry Nault, 2nd Blake Brown: No discussion. Vote: 12-0-1 Richard DeVries abstained. Motion Carried:

5. Communications/Correspondence - None

6. Superintendent's Report

Please see written report. In addition, Principal Linda Bleile was asked to speak about our participation in "Race To The Top". Mr. Potter also added that George Spahn, a student at Palermo Consolidated School recently placed 5th in a National Geographic Bee and was also on a Math Team that also placed very well. WPS recently activated a "Shelter-In-Place" measure, as instructed by our Emergency Plan. Principal Howe was commended by Superintendent Potter for her handling of a situation involving a parent.

7. Board Chair's Report

Mr. Birmingham complimented all of the students who took part in this year's Modern Woodmen Civic Oration contest, of which he was one of the judges. He was also pleased to say that the Chelsea School project is progressing on time and under budget.

7.1 To Approve the Chelsea 8th Grade Trip to Boston. Mr. Mike Gammon, Teacher at Chelsea Elementary, along with students Peter Tibbetts, Mellanie Dill and Delaney Chase, gave a "movie" presentation showing all of the out of school activities the students participate in during their Kindergarten through 8th grade years at Chelsea. The last few minutes showed clips from one of the previous Boston Trips. Mr. Brown asked the students if they would come back and report on what they learned and the agreed that they could.

Motion: *To approve the Chelsea 8th grade trip to Boston.*

1st Shawn Carlson, 2nd Michele Chartier; Vote: 15-0-0 Motion Carried Unanimously by all those in attendance and voting.

7.2 Program Focus: Dental Program--"Saving Smiles"--Tracey Jowett, President/Director. Mrs. Jowett explained the highpoints and challenges of her program, noting how it has gained popularity in parts of our region over the past several years. She was asked if she would consider expanding her program to the Wiscasset area and she said she would if there was an interest. Principal Bleile, from the WMS, explained that they had tried a similar program a couple years ago, but had a low turnout so it was discontinued. Principal Howe, from WPS added that they have a program that only happens twice a year and she would be interested in "Savings Smiles" which happens more frequently. Mr. Brown asked how receptive have the parents have been and Mrs. Jowett responded that they are receptive to the program but transportation is the main issue to get the students to the locations to receive the services. Presently Mrs. Jowett has mobile equipment that she takes with her which enables her to perform cleanings, etc. She also added that some of the procedures are covered by Maine Care, but the funding she had previously used for supplies, such as fluoride Swish, has been cut. Principal Doiron, Chelsea, shared that he was shocked at the number of 6th graders he has met that have never been to a dentist.

7.3 Program Focus: Behavior Program, Kindergarten to Grade 6 – Delia Dearnley, RSU 12 Special Education Director and Representatives from QBS. Mr. Dave Lennox and Ms. Lisa Kinney, from Quality Behavioral Solutions, gave a brief presentation of the program they have developed that will enable more

special needs students, such as Autistic and Behavioral needs students, to stay in their schools, be among their peers (integration) and receive their education closer to home which shortens the time spent being transported. The plan is on an individual basis and can be short term. There will still be some students from time to time that may have needs beyond what we can provide, but the consolidation gives us the opportunity to provide quality education to the majority of them. Mr. Lennox and Ms. Kinney started last year in RSU # 38 Wayne and were very successful. Mrs. Dearnley is very comfortable with a start date for this program.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance Committee: Mr. Nault provided a detailed written report; please see attached. Mr. Nault thanked the Committee for doing yeoman's work. Upcoming dates: Wednesday, April 28th, a Special Budget meeting; Saturday, May 22, is the regional budget meeting; Tuesday, June 8 is the validation.

*Mr. Steve Mehrl, Wiscasset Budget Committee Chair applauded the efforts of the Finance Committee.

*Mr. Blake Brown thanked everyone for their budget presentations and attempts to lower their numbers.

8.2 Personnel Committee: Mr. Lawrence shared that the upcoming meeting will be Wednesday, May 19th, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the WHS. The Superintendent's review process will be discussed at the next meeting.

8.3 Policy Committee: Mr. Stafford shared the Policy Committee report in Mr. Johnson's absence. There will be two policies to discuss and the next meeting will be Thursday, May 20th, 2010.

8.4 Public Communications Committee: Mrs. Holm shared that RSU 12 residents should be receiving "The Current" in the mail soon. She appreciated all of the submissions she received and that they were in forms that she could work with. Superintendent Potter thanked Mrs. Holm for all the time she spent on the newspaper, for the feedback and for making changes. He also shared an e-mail message/comment from a community member who complimented the RSU on the "Sheepscot Valley Current".

8.5 Negotiations Committee: Mrs. Holm shared that Committee has finished working on the interim contract for the Whitefield Teachers and is continuing to work on an interim contract for the Windsor Teachers. Next they will start to work on the initial contracts for the district principals.

8.6 Chelsea Building Committee: Mr. Hallett shared that the Committee and the PR subcommittee continue to do a lot of work. Monday, May 10th the Voting Committee met. The Owner's Representative was chosen and a recommendation for the Commissioning Agent will be presented at the June 10th, RSU # 12 Board of Director's meeting. On Tuesday, May 11th, Superintendent Potter met with Oak Point Associates to open the 8 bids received for General Contractor. The official Ground breaking will be Friday, June 4th at 1:00 pm.

8.7 Ad Hoc Strategic Planning/Vision Committee – Superintendent Potter shared that there have been some big changes in the past few weeks. Mr. Jake Clockedile recently notified the Superintendent's office that the State of Maine has cut all funds to Regional School Units, which was going to pay for us to enlist his help with a Future Search. The RSU desires to use \$ 5,000.00 from a grant that is appropriate for this type of use. [See item 10 Old Business, 10.1 requested approval of expenditure]

9. Public Comment -

*Public comment is to be restricted to items on the agenda. Comments regarding individuals or personnel matters are not appropriate for public session.

None.

10. Old Business

10.1 To approve an expenditure of \$ 3,500 from the Title VI grant funds and \$ 5,000 from a School Planning Grant from the DOE, contingent upon project approval by the state NCLB office to conduct the “Future Search” process for RSU # 12.

Motion: To approve an expenditure of \$ 3,500 from the Title VI grant funds and \$ 5,000 from a School Planning Grant from the DOE, contingent upon project approval by the state NCLB office to conduct the “Future Search” process for RSU # 12.

1st Richard DeVries, 2nd Blake Brown; Discussion Ensued: Vote: 13-3-0 Motion Carried. William Stafford, Lester Sheaffer and Sherrill Hallett voted Nay.

10.2 To take action relative to approving the FY 2011 and FY 2010 budget warrants, amounts and associated notices:

- a. Approval of warrant for Regional Budget Meeting on May 22, 2010 (RE: FY 2011)
- b. Approval of warrant and Notice of Election (Validation Referendum) for June 8, 2010 (RE: FY 2011)
- c. Approval of form and notice of amounts for Regional Budget Meeting / authorization & direction of Superintendent to complete and deliver said notice to Town Clerks (RE: FY 2011)
- d. Approval of warrant for Regional Budget Meeting on May 22, 2010 (RE: FY 2010)
- e. Approval of warrant and Notice of Election (Validation Referendum) for June 8, 2010 (RE: FY 2010)
- f. Approval of form and notice of amounts for Regional Budget Meeting / authorization & direction of Superintendent to complete and deliver said notice to Town Clerks (RE: FY 2010)

Motion: To approve the FY 2011 and FY2010 budget warrants, amounts and associated notices as listed in a-f.

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Frank Hample; No Discussion. Vote: 16-0-0 Motion Carried Unanimously by all those in attendance and voting.

11. New Business

11.1 Resignations – To accept the resignation of:

- a. Susan Poppish, Principal, Wiscasset High School (Retirement-end of year)
- b. Laurie Stiles, WMS, ELA Teacher in June.
- c. Judith Hardman, WMS, cook, retirement in June.
- d. Gail Roberts, Whitefield, Teacher, retirement in June.

Motion: To accept the Resignations listed in 11.1 (a)-(d) with regret.

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Michele Chartier; Shawn Carlson thanked Mrs. Poppish for her service to the Wiscasset

High School, she is a very special educator. Vote: 16-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.2 Appointments:

(a) Duane Goud, JV Softball Coach, Wiscasset High School

(b) Kim Chatman, Softball Coach, Chelsea Elementary School

Motion: *To appoint as listed in 11.2 (a) & (b).*

1st Richard DeVries, 2nd Blake Brown; Discussion Ensued concerning Stipend amounts: Vote: 16-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.3 To approve the nominations of the following probationary teachers in RSU 12 for the 2010/2011 school year:

Christ	Penelope	Continuing	Chelsea
Rasmussen	Jennifer	Probationary 2	Chelsea
Reibel	Lisa	Continuing	Chelsea
Hamel	Adam	Continuing	Palermo
Daigle	Nicholas	Continuing	Palermo & Somerville
Peaslee	Teri	Probationary 2	Somerville
Smith	Stephanie	Continuing	Somerville
Barnes	Shawn	Continuing	Windsor
Brown	Charles	Probationary 2	Windsor
Lloyd	Tracy	Probationary 2	Windsor
Soosman	Adam	Continuing	Windsor
Huggins	Cary	Probationary 2	WHS-Nurse
Noyes-Pomerleau	Tanya	Continuing	WMS
Stiles	Laurie	Probationary 2	WMS
Preston	Lucy	Probationary 2	WPS
Sellers	Amy	Probationary 2	WPS
Erdmann	Karen	Probationary 2	WPS

Garner

Terrence

Probationary 2

WPS

Motion: *To approve the nominations of the probationary teachers as listed in 11.3.*

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Richard DeVries; Discussion Ensued Vote: 16-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.4 To Approve the Chelsea 8th Grade Trip – moved to 7.1

11.5 To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Dudley Corp. of Standish, Maine, Oak Point Associates and the State of Maine for General Contractor Services related to the Chelsea School construction project.

Motion: *To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into contract with Dudley Corp. of Standish, Maine, Oak Point Associates and the State of Maine for General Contractor Services related to the Chelsea School construction project.*

1st Allen Hallett, 2nd Blake Brown; Discussion Ensued Vote: 16-0-1 Motion Carried: Chris Johnson abstained.

11.6 To accept Frontline Construction as Owner’s Representative for the Chelsea School construction project at a total contract cost of \$ 50,000.00.

Motion: *To accept Frontline Construction as Owner’s Representative for the Chelsea School construction project at a total contract cost of \$ 50,000.00.*

1st Jerry Nault, 2nd Hilary Holm; Discussion Ensued Vote: 17-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.7 Stricken from agenda.

11.8 To accept the (5 Year) SPC bid for copier services with projected savings in year one of \$38,585.00 and (5 Year) total savings projected at \$192,923.00.

Motion: *To accept the (5 Year) SPC bid for copier services with projected savings in year one of \$38,585.00 and (5 Year) total savings projected at \$192,923.00.*

1st Lester Sheaffer, 2nd Blake Brown; Discussion Ensued, Richard DeVries thanked Diana Sommers for her hard work on this and asked her to explain the types of upgrades: scan, staple, fax, networking, some color options, etc. Vote: 17-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.9 Program Focus: Dental Program-“Saving Smiles”-Tracey Jowett (moved to 7.2).

11.10 Program Focus: Behavior Program, Kindergarten to Grade 6-Delia Dearnley, RSU 12 Special Ed. Director and Representative(s) from QBS (Questions/Answers) (moved to 7.3).

11.11 To accept \$6709.00 from the Town of Windsor (Reed Fund) in support of the Accelerated Math program.

Motion: *To accept \$6709.00 from the Town of Windsor (Reed Fund) in support of the Accelerated Math program.*

1st Blake Brown, 2nd William Stafford; No Discussion: vote: 17-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.12 To accept \$6,000.00 from the Town of Palermo in support of the 2011 8th Grade Class Trip

Motion: *To accept \$6,000.00 from the Town of Palermo in support of the 2011 8th Grade Class Trip.*

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Jerry Nault; Discussion Ensued: Vote: 17-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.13 To approve the RSU 12 Technology Plan (2010 to 2013)

Motion: *To approve the RSU 12 Technology Plan (2010 to 2013)*

1st Jerry Nault, 2nd Blake Brown; Discussion Ensued: Vote: 16-0-1 Motion Carried: Michele Chartier abstained.

12. Policy Readings

12.1 Second Readings - None

12.2 First Readings

- a. GBEB-Staff Conduct With Students
- b. GCSA-R Employee Computer and Internet Rules

Motion: *To accept the first readings of policies, GBEB & GCSA-R, a-b as outlined in section 12.2.*

1st Lester Sheaffer, 2nd Hilary Holm; No Discussion: Vote: 17-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

13. Calendar/Announcements - None

14. Executive Session

14.1 Executive Session Pursuant to Title 20A MRSA Sub. Sec. 405 (6) (D) for discussion of labor contract negotiations. (Action)

Motion: *To enter into Executive Session under Title 20A, M.R.S.A. § 405 6 (D) for discussion of labor contract negotiations at 9:04 pm.*

1st Hilary Holm, 2nd Jerry Nault; Vote: 17-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

Exit Executive Session at 10:33 pm.

The following motion was made in public session.

Motion: *To accept the recommendation of the Negotiation Committee, in reference to the Whitefield Teacher's Interim Agreement, to offer a 1 year term and 2.5% aggregate increase to the salaries.*

1st Richard DeVries, 2nd Chris Johnson; Vote: 13-0-0 Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

15. Adjournment at 10:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory G. Potter, Superintendent of Schools

Approved June 22, 2010 by the SV RSU # 12 Board of Directors