

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
January 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

Superintendent Lloyd Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Jerome Plante, Carol Marcotte, Peter Flaherty, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent Lloyd Crocker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept the minutes from the December 17, 2014 board meeting minutes as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Superintendent Crocker has an added retirement letter from Don Blodgett.

Correspondence

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept the resignation letter from Don Blodgett with regrets. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Crocker spoke with Carol Marcotte and they decided to have a workshop for the board in regards to proficiency-based education. Carol Marcotte will find a time to get the board together and let Superintendent Crocker know of that date.

We were approved for the waiver that would give us a couple of extra years to meet the expectations.

After the finance committee meeting there is a significant increase for next year – 5.2% - on teacher salaries. Therefore, Superintendent Crocker is instituting a discretionary budget freeze for the remainder of the year. There is a letter that was sent out to the staff. Student programs are not included in this.

Meeting with Sue Reed from the Department of Education to meet with board and administrators to speak about start up funding for a pre-K program.

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Our District curriculum work is a K-12 effort and we are working towards developing standards for Diploma and performance indicators and have a clear curriculum by the end of the year.

Chairperson's Remarks

As we work together towards one town, one team, one goal the board is working as a cohesive group and appreciates the support of the town.

Board Presentation

Audit: Roger Lebreux is presenting the audit for the 2013-2014 year for the RSU #23 – Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and Dayton school departments. The cash balance increased from \$1.3 million to \$2.8 million, which results in the fund being easier to manage.

There was a decrease of \$300,000 in receivables due to the State of Maine paying out subsidies on time this year where in 2013 there was a delay.

General Fund Liabilities - our obligations increased by \$340,000 due to our contract ending with Thornton Academy and true up of tuition payments due. The deficit is going down and the fund balance is improving.

Testing internal controls resulted in no significant or severe deficiencies. There were several comments made of areas that management needed to provide a corrective action.

Deficit not restored to planned level but made significant ground.

Michelle Violette asked to receive a status update on the items that needed corrective action and find policies that are in place in relation to these items.

Jameson and Loranger School Update

Time with teachers promotes building of relationships with students acting socially.

Recess Rocks is a three to four minute exercise video and all staff and students enjoyed.

Jameson PTO assisted in paying for fall Mad Science classroom workshops and looking to pay for the next round of workshops.

Loranger School PTO hosted a clean up of the front lobby. Split the cost of a large drop down screen, which is used on Monday morning assemblies. Looking to purchase large HD TV and Apple TV as well.

OOB HS Update

Midterm exams start and the students are preparing for those.

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Schools and College accreditation kick off will start and committee members have been chosen.

February 6, students are taking the Maine integrated health youth survey. Letters will be mailed home to students with regards to details of the survey.

Coffee with the Principal will happen on Wednesday, January 21st.

Would like to develop Mission and Vision statements for the OOB High School.

Looking at expanding the Camp Kieve at the High School. Matt Michaud and Meghan Ward met to discuss what this would look like.

Abby Dubois is not going to be able to speak at this meeting due to being at the basketball game and will hopefully be present at the next meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

First Reading of Wellness JL and Concussion Policies JJIL

Read by Policy Committee member Peter Flaherty.

Committee Reports

Facility Committee

Toured Jameson school. Review of Oak Point Associates that over the next 10 years Jameson school will need \$3.9 million in renovations, Loranger will need \$9 million, and the High School will need an additional \$3.5 million in renovations. For a total of \$16.4 million in renovations to bring schools up to date as of three years ago.

Met with Harriman associates and Oak Point associates to discuss weigh options.

Emergency/Safety Committee

Fire Drill and Evacuation plans have been reviewed and measures put in place. Each school has submitted their paper work necessary. Each school has completed about half of their fire drills and lockdown drills for the year.

Off-site evacuations need to be planned at the next meeting.

Looking at CPR training for staff and coaches.

Received a grant for 5210.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Pam Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent