

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
April 11, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Present: David Boudreau, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, Carol Marcotte and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the March 16, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Table the approval of administrative contracts.

Public Session

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas got up to express concern regarding a position that is being cut next year. They wanted to advocate for the individual that currently holds that position and how important they think it is for her to continue with it next year. Mr. Suttie responded that he understands their concerns and that they can call or text him any time to talk about things.

Superintendent's Report

John let everyone know that the slide show for the budget presentation as well as the video link of it, is on our website. Also he would like to restate that the next step with the budget will be the regional budget vote on May 18th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria at the high school. Then we will have the referendum on voting day, which is June 13th. This week the board is supposed to look over the new school applications. If the board approves them tonight they will be hand delivered to the state on Thursday. He wanted to thank Mike and Barb who worked with him closely to get these complex and complicated applications done. We will be talking very soon with the playground committee (tomorrow) to discuss when we can take down broken stuff at Jameson and will have an update for the public when that will take place.

Board Presentation

Gabe Reed reported that the 3 jazz groups had their festivals this past month. Both jazz band and choir got a bronze medal. Spring sports season is well under way. Baseball team is heading south to Florida on a spring baseball trip.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar as proposed. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

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A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve the K-8 Behavioral Specialist and Psychologist job descriptions as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the new school construction applications as written. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Carol Marcotte to approve to continue the districts contribution of an employee's insurance benefits for duration of sick bank approval of leave as proposed. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve policies KF (Community use of school facilities) and KF-R (Community use of school facilities – Regulations). All policies are located on the RSU 23 website if anyone wants to read them.

Committee Reports

David reported that the finance committee has not met since the last board meeting. He stated that they would be meeting April 28th and he would have an update after that meeting.

John reported that the building needs committee met to review Rebecca Wondell's findings. She stated that over the next 10 years, our population base is suppose to maintain and student enrollment will level. The group toured Jameson School. They have all the data available to them from Harriman and Rebecca to decide where to go from here once we hear back from the State regarding our new school applications. Next month the committee will tour a new middle school in the area as well as an elementary school.

Board Remarks

Michelle stated she is always thankful for staff and administration. This week her remarks were more towards the OOB community. The reason why she sits on the board is because of how OOB surrounds their own. Unfortunately and fortunately we have had many opportunities this spring to witness this. She is very thankful for our community and how they reach out. Also wanted to thank the LMS and JES PTO and Mr. Shabo for the spring raffle. It was a wonderful event and everyone enjoyed themselves. Carol stated she loves her town and schools. Many years ago, her and her husband said they wanted to live in OOB. Her son started high school here and she is proud of him going through our systems. The way the community pulls together is amazing. She hopes everyone has a wonderful and restful vacation. Peter stated that the community is unbelievable when it comes to support. He stated that there would be a benefit for Louie Ladokakous April 26th at the Elks. There will be a silent auction and food. You have to purchase tickets in advance. He is getting tremendous support from the community. Stu stated that he would like to start by saying that he has talked with Mr. Suttie about what happened last night at the budget presentation. All of the basis were covered and he was quick to thank the people in place that helped him. As a community of teachers you all think of your students as number 1. I also want to say that you take care of your own. A young teacher at Jameson that is going through some serious stuff makes him proud that we are continuing her benefits. Dave wanted to thank everyone for the budget process. Last night went smooth. Well deserved from what we did last year. Things are looking up. A lot of good things are happening in our school system. What a great opportunity those baseball players have by being able to go to Florida. There are a lot of things going on for the students. That is why he is here so that those continue.

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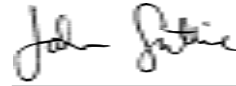
Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent