

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
May 9, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Susan Flavey; kindergarten teacher, Carla Barron; high school special education teacher and Lisa Kurtz; occupational therapist all retiring this year. They will be honored at next months meeting.

Public Session.

None

Superintendent's Report

Wanted to remind everyone of the regional budget meeting being held on Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 in the cafeteria at Old Orchard Beach High School. That is the meeting tax payers attend and vote on each individual cost centers of the budget. He would like to see as many tax payers as possible participating in the meeting. He also sent out a letter to all the families in the district and the students at the High School regarding the Netflix series "Thirteen Reason's Why", which is about a girl who commits suicide. The letter explained how we can deal with the situation and help students. If anyone has any concerns please feel free to reach out to me to talk about this. Last week the high school received our national accreditation certificate and letter from NEASC. Although we knew they would recommend continued accreditation, it was nice to get those documents in the mail knowing we achieved our goal. We now have to present our two-year progress report by October 2018 on some of the recommendations that the accreditation committee made to our school. We will get started looking over those accommodations over the summer. We would like to invite everyone to the Pavilion on Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 to attend our graduation.

Board Presentation

Gabe Reed stated that the spring season has been challenging with the amount of rain we have gotten. All spring teams have had some success at the opening of their seasons. A select few of our natural helpers attended a lunch with the rotary club updating them on what our club does. Prom is Friday, May 19th. All seniors have finished finals and started on our internships, which require 40 hours minimum.

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Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 Budget of \$13, 789,753.33 as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept George Shabo as Behavioral Specialist, Patricia Elsemiller as K-2 Interventionist, Kristine Maturo as K-2 Interventionist, Joanne Dowd as Director of Instruction and Nancy Smith as K-12 psychologist. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Peter Flaherty read the 1st readings on policies IHBEA: LAU Plan- Program for Limited English Proficient Students and KBF-E2: Title 1 School-Parent Compact. All policies can be found on the website if anyone would like to read them.

David Boudreau announced the winning bids for the (3) 81-passenger buses to WC Cressey at \$83,418.00/each, 1 transit van to Yankee Ford at \$31,582.00 and 2 mini vans to Lee Dodge at \$24,599.00/each.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the lease purchase agreement for the buses and vans in the amount of \$79,826.41 per year. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the renewal of the interlocal adult education agreement as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

David Boudreau reported on the finance committee. They met and went over some financial items and the main focus was opening of the bus bids. You do know the results of that. Everyone has worked hard to reach our goal this year. We are actually in the black. Thank you to Mrs. Cox for being the eagle eye and keeping a close eye on the budget. People in the community have commented that we are in the best shape we have been in, in many, many years. It's great we can fund a new playground and other things for our students. I know it was not easy but we have accomplished a lot of things. Kudos to everyone that has been involved in that.

Peter Flaherty reported out on the building committee. Last month they made a visit to Biddeford Middle School to look at a newer school. Kyle did a wonderful job explaining the building and it's programs. If you haven't been there it's a really nice school. We are trying to visit new schools. BMS opened in 2006. We are going to visit Kennebunk Elementary School next month. We are getting a lot of good ideas. We do need to replace some of our buildings they are in pretty rough shape.

Board Remarks

Michelle Violette: This is a really busy time, as you all know. She would like to take the time again to thank administrators, our board, staff, and students not only for being financially responsible but also for everything. Hopes everyone goes out June 13th to vote and May 18th to vote on the cost centers.

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Thanks everyone who has served for us and may not be coming back as well as all the new staff coming in. Online at rsu23.org there are links to each school and lists all the wonderful things going on. Would like to thank the town of Old Orchard who continue to support the playground effort. Students came back from spring break to not much left to their playground. Hopefully we will have a big community build of both playgrounds in August. Stay tuned. This is a group effort to keep everyone safe as well as play is a big part of learning and brain development.

Peter Flaherty: This is a very busy time of year. The things he thinks of is the preparation of the budget has been terrific. The administration has done a terrific job getting us out of a hole. Wanted to take this time to let everyone know we have wonderful teachers working in the trenches everyday. We do have people working very hard and they will be doing that until June 23rd.

David Boudreau: Fellow board members thanking everyone for what they have done this year. We are coming down to the stretch but it seems like we crammed in 3 months of work into a month. I know it's a shorter break this year due to the snow but hopes everyone enjoys their time off. Local businesses have reached out stating they are looking for people to work for them. If anyone wants a job he is sure there is one out there.

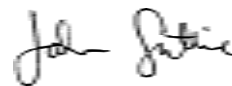
Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 6:46PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent