

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
June 15, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: David Boudreau, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, Stu Hogan, Carol Marcotte, and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept the minutes from the May 9, 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.

Public Session.

None

Superintendent's Report

John wanted to express his best wishes to all of our staff that have resigned. They are latterly moving away and on to other things. They will be missed by everyone here at RSU 23. Thank you to Gabe for being on the board this year. He stated that Gabe took things seriously. John also wanted to thank the public that came out to vote on Tuesday. The budget passed and we are very grateful to those that came out to vote. He would like to thank his administration, the team, finance committee and school board. It's a long road and we started in September. This one was really difficult as we looked into the future as to what we may need. It was really nice to get the news on Tuesday that the community was in agreement and supported what we are trying to do for our students. We had a successful graduation at OOB High School on Sunday. That is the end of the road for our students that come to us. JES and LMS had a wonderful field day on Friday and I got a chance to walk around and check out all of the activities that were going on. He would like to thank everyone. It was a great year of transition. We all knew coming into this year that there are a lot of people wearing many hats and we do not know how things were going to turn out. I want to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you to our parents who make sure our students come to school daily and everything we do, we do it for you. I can't wait to see what we are going to be able to accomplish in the future.

Board Presentation

Gabe Reed stated that the OOB sports season is complete. Both baseball and softball teams qualified to play in the preliminary round. Both lost their games but were close. Track also qualified. This past week some students worked on crutches for kids in Africa for Polio. Graduation was this past Sunday. It was a long journey for us all.

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Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept letters of resignation as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept letters of retirees as presented. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to adopt the district learning technology plan as presented. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the TIDES Cooperative Agreement as written and presented.

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept Megan O'Neill as LMS Guidance Counselor, Ashley MacDonald as K-2 Special Education teacher, C.Wiley Muller as 7-12 Alternative Education Teacher, Morgan Johnson as 1st grade teacher, Catherine Sotir as 7th Grade Special Education Teacher, Bethany Rocheleau as Kindergarten Teacher, and Rebecca Decosta as occupational therapist. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Peter Flaherty read the 1st readings on policies DJH: Purchasing and Contracting Procurement Staff Code of Conduct, GBEBA: Staff Dress Code, EEA: Student Transportation, DJ: Bidding/Purchasing, and DJ-R: Federal Procurement manual for Maine School Units. All policies can be found on the website if anyone would like to read them.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve the following policies; IHBEA: LAU Plan – Program for Limited English Proficient Students and KBF-E2: Title 1 School-Parent Compact as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the 2017-2018 stipend list as proposed. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the following job descriptions: van driver, school transportation aide, bus driver, groundskeeper, custodian, school cook, kitchen manager, food service attendant, administrative assistant – food service, administrative assistant and school secretary as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Accept/Certify Election Results:

The result of the RSU 23 budget validation referendum: Article 1 – Yes: 340***, No: 144; ***Denotes the highest number of votes for the respective question and consequently the successful referendum result for that question. Voted that the computation and declaration of votes dated June 13, 2017 and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved. Further voted that the computation and declaration of votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit NO. 23 (the "Regional School unit"). Further

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voted that a certified copy of the computation and declaration of votes be sent to the municipal clerk within the regional school unit.

A Motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Stuart Hogan as written above. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the following probationary teachers to move to the next step. Probationary I to Probationary II: Jameson School: Casie Levesque, Kaleigh Marston, Jen MacDonald and Robert Duane. Loranger Memorial School: Jaclyn Dickerson and Mary Fagan. OOB High School: Chad Denis, Emily Haines, Jacqueline Hayes, Patrick Sylvia and Jason Henry.

Probationary II to Probationary III: Jameson School: Cynthia McSorely, Bethany Rocheleau and Jennifer Drapeau. Loranger Memorial School: Jessica Groleau, Mike Burke, Marion Walrath and Rachel Presby. OOB High School: Lindsay Artes, Emily Blazek, Mark Oliver, Nate Rende, and Deron Sharp.

Probationary III to Continuing Contract: Jameson School: Erin Coffey and Tracy McLaughlin. Loranger Memorial School: Michelle Hiltz, Megan Huckins, Elaine Less and Sarah Wilder. OOB High School: Kaitlyn Austin. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

David Boudreau reported on the finance committee. They will be meeting on the 26th of June so if there is anything that changes they can review things. We are just closing out the year and do not anticipate any major changes.

Peter Flaherty reported out on the building committee. He stated that they were slated to make a visit to KES last week, however, the way things turned out most people were unable to attend so Mr. Suttie was gracious enough to reschedule with the superintendent of Kennebunk.

Board Remarks

Stu stated that he was walking in the door with Carol and Peter talking about what a great graduation it was as well as a wonderful awards night. All the way down to Justin Chenette's speech to when John got a bear hug. He wanted to make one brief comment for a student that graduated this year. To see him graduate and go to St. Joseph's college is unbelievable. He was not so convinced that the student would have done so well if he was in another district. This school district gave him that opportunity

Peter wanted to thank everyone for a great year. Things went very well and we made great strides in every area.

Carol wanted to give thanks to stakeholders, but first would like to thank everyone involved with student instruction. Our students have had a lot of support from all of you. She wants to thank everyone for always having the student's best interest in mind.

Michelle wanted to point out that everyone that applied for a scholarship received one. We are a district that embraces their own and all those that come to us. Thank you for letting me serve.

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Dave stated that this community gives over \$71,000 a year to scholarships, which is phenomenal. Great community. Closing up the year. He is very proud to be on this community and participate on the financials. This school year is going to end the best it has in probably 10 years. We will not have a negative fund balance next year. We did what we set out to do. We ordered brand new buses and vans next year, girls and boys sports; new equipment, new technology. Just phenomenal to go from where we are now. We showed them we are very frugal with the money. Taxpayers want to participate in helping our students. Thank students, faculty, and students. Most importantly the board going above and beyond. It's amazing to see what is going on.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent