

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
August 17, 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 Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Addition of Sarah Jaffe, Emma Horowitz, Judith Milligan and Graciela Lamy as new hires. Addition of the approval of 1 year leave of absence for employee.

Correspondence

Kaitlyn Austin, Amanda Dube, Amanda Ruel and Jennifer Darigan all had letters of resignation.

Public Session.

None

Superintendent's Report

John addressed the letters of resignation. He stated he worked closely with all four of them. He is very proud of the work they have done for us. Amanda D. and Kaitlynn have been on the steering committee and the NEASC accreditation; Amanda Rule handled our district website. You can't hold good people back and you want them to have good fulfilling jobs. He stated we were able to hire a World Language teacher .6 (fte) for LMS. He stated that in the last two weeks, the employees that worked through the summer have been working extremely hard. We have had a lot of new hires this year. We got letters out to returning staff, parents and new staff. August 28th is the start of school. Teacher's report Monday and Tuesday for professional development days and grades 1-9 start on September 30th and all kids will report on August 31st. The playground update is that the equipment is coming. We are at the mercy of the vendor and as soon as we can get that stuff here we will get it up.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

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

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A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept Dustin Levesque as LMS Choral/Music Teacher, Sarah Welch as .6 (fte) Speech Pathologist, Anne Bischof as LMS 3-5 Behavior Resource Teacher, Erin Wheaton as OOB HS Resource Teacher, Anthony Lucchese as OOB HS Science Teacher, Katelyn Bonney as JES Kindergarten Teacher, Natasha Jordan as JES Pre-K Teacher, Sarah Jaffe as OOB HS Math Teacher, Emma Horowitz as OOB HS English Teacher, Graciela Lamy as .6 (fte) World Language Teacher, and Judith Milligan as LMS Guidance Counselor. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve a 1-year leave of absence for Jennifer Drapeau. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the agreement for a shared IT director w/Saco. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve the agreement for a shared Adult Education Director w/MSAD 55. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the Biddeford/Saco Savings community debit card program with details to follow.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Carol Marcotte to approve the superintendent evaluation tool as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Carol Marcotte to approve the following 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. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

David Boudreau reported on the finance committee. He stated the finance committee did not formally meet over the summer but a lot of things are going on. Last years budget has been closed so to speak and we do have over \$100,000 in carryover from last year. We paid off our negative fund balance and the food service debt. We did get additional funds from the state, which half of it had to go back to the taxpayers. We will use this as an emergency fund in case anything goes wrong. Great work from everyone. Keep up the great work. He would like to see that year to year so that we can offer a lot of cool things for our kids. We will be meeting in September for sure. All buses have been delivered and lettered except for the transit van, which will be delivered in October. Auditors will be here next week and hopefully we do not see any major issues.

Peter Flaherty reported out on the building committee. He stated that the building committee did not meet this summer and they will resume their work in September.

Board Remarks

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Stu stated he wanted to make his annual shout out that our max scholarship fund raising will be happening this Saturday, August 18th. It will be held at 7:45 in the morning. Still looking for volunteers for the iron man competition that will take place on Sunday, August 26th. OOB has provided over \$100,000 in scholarships to seniors over the years.

Peter stated this time of year there are a lot of teachers out there that are getting butterflies in their stomach. It's a good feeling. It is an exciting time of year and he is looking forward to it. We had a great year last year.

Carol wanted to say thank you because she does know there are a lot of people that do work in the summer. Thank you to the dedicated folks behind the scenes. Hope everyone is rested. She personally looks forward to another year working with staff and families to keep our students first.

Michelle stated she would piggyback on everyone's positive remarks. LMS open house – Monday 28th at 6:00 Pm for grades 3-8. Also the reports that the administrators put in the board packets are really wonderfully done. Do they get reproduced for the website? Community hours interaction at LMS was great. Thank everyone for their hard work as always.

David stated that he will not be here for the opening day so he asked the vice chair to say a few words. He would like to welcome everyone back and hopes it will be a fun filled year. We have a lot of new faces. Resignations are sad but knowing the story behind them helps. It's nice to see new people come in with new ideas. The playground will be delivered the week of the 21st. If volunteers come out and help it should go smoothly. Fall sports have started.

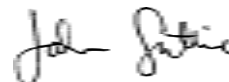
Adjournment

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent