

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

Superintendent Lloyd Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Present: Jerome Plante, Peter Flaherty, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent Lloyd Crocker. Approved Absent: Chair Carol Marcotte

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the September 8, 2015 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Nomination of student School Board representative Nick LaCourse:

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to appoint Nick LaCourse as the 2015-2016 student school board representative. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Lori Safford is a resident of Old Orchard Beach and is in the process of receiving her certification and she will be completing her superintendent internship with us.

On October 15 there will be a Start School later initiative held and was put together by the Biddeford Superintendent Jeremy Ray. There are many areas that can be impacted by this such as CTEs, Sports, transportation etc. Many people are planning to attend. We are looking to provide some data from the high school to see if any students/parents have noticed a difference and if there are any noticeable differences in tardies.

We are a part of the Marshall cohort and this is a group in southern Maine for our teacher evaluations. This is our pilot year. There is a monthly meeting, which people from both schools and administrative offices attend. By the end of the year, we need to provide a plan to the state.

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Grades 6 will begin piloting a Standards-Based grading system this year in Science and ELA. This will help us overall as we have to shift the entire district from traditional grades to a standards-based grading system.

We have contracted Great Schools Partnership again this year, but we have only contracted them for the High School in Proficiency Based Education as well as readying the students and staff for the NEASC visit in about a year.

We are planning for the State of the District/State of the Schools community forum. Once we have established a format we will be able to provide this at the November Board meeting.

K-12 Parent/Teacher conferences started last week. By the end of next week we will have had the opportunity to see all the parents and speak with them about their students.

Students in Grade 6 at LMS will be leaving to go to Camp Kieve on October 26 and they will return on October 30.

Chairperson's Remarks

PreK and Headstart have been restored. We only have 6 openings in Headstart and 3 openings in PreK. Thank you to the Superintendent, Principal and Vice-Principal for their work on getting these programs back and up and running. There is a large benefit to those parents and students to have these programs in place.

Board Presentation

Adult Ed – Dave Durkee:

Highlights of last year and review of where we are this year: The collaboration between the two communities only serves to benefit our residents. Program areas includes: HiSET, Literacy & Family Literacy, College Transitions, Business & Skills Training – including substitute training, and Personal Enrichment. The 14/15 year we offered 274 enrichment and vocational courses and 88 academic courses. 53% of registrations were completed online. Over the next year, we would like to reach the 1,500 adults that do not have a high school diploma. We are at 600 learners for the fall semester. In the coming year, we are looking at offering other certificate classes like CDL and medical coding.

Culinary/Hospitality/Tourism Academy Update –John Suttie:

We have met on two occasions. Cynthia Nye and Terri O'Donnell are working with Ann Nash to work with programming. There is a fall stakeholders event coming up. On the 22nd there is an advanced culinary arts presentation to some of the administrators in the building.

PD Focus and Outcomes for ER/Late Arrival:

Barb Fletcher – Last Wednesday, parent teacher conferences were held for PreK-8. This October date helps to put in place interventions and help for the students if needed. Our Pre-K is doing home visits as their conferences as part of their program. Many of the

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presentations offered at our professional development day were taught by staff and great feedback was heard in regards to the relevance of the information.

Kindergarten teachers are working on bringing their curriculum, Spelling City. Jameson and Loranger PTO are providing a Mad Science for 4-8.

High School – John Suttie – education effectiveness plan implementation. Teachers have been asked to rate themselves based on the Marshall rubric. They are making a SMART goal to see how well the students are learning the material they are presenting. We are trying to get teachers to think in terms of student data. Second semester they will be using the Student learning objective. At the end of the year, the staff will provide which they prefer.

Eric Hanson – NEASC visit next November, Proficiency based diploma beginning for 9th grade next year so there have been specific needs for the high school. Gave a survey and asked the staff what they needed for professional development and have aligned the dates with what the staff responded too. Took a deep look at ELA and Math and changed classroom practice. Looked at the standardized testing environment for the students and how can we improve it. The morning consisted of Technology learning and how this would flow into the classroom, in the afternoon, we looked at the different departments and the progress that needed to be made.

Old Business

Modular Update:

T.I.D.E.S building was delayed briefly with the rain. They have been moved into the building over the weekend and we are just pending electricity and water, which will hopefully be connected tomorrow. The staff has done a great job. A field trip week was created for the week last week and they were able to visit the Gray Animal Farm as well as the Body Movement exhibit. They students also participated in various community service projects on Thursday.

The Loranger modular is pending technology and smoke alarms and it will be complete. Dick Martin has been instrumental in completing these modular units – from building stairs and ramps to the covered walkway for the Loranger modular.

Peter Flaherty – Thank you to Jay, Tim, and Dick for all of the work that has been done as it was a huge undertaking and they are nice looking and great looking inside. We do have a few more trees to plant at the high school and we will have satisfied what the neighbors wanted.

At Jameson school, there was mold found in one room. We hired a company to test the air in the classroom, and surrounding areas. The reports came back that there is no mold in the areas that were tested.

Nomination of New Hires:

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A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept Cindy McSorley as the new 3rd grade teacher at LMS. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Approval of Cooperative Team Affiliation for OOBHS Girls Hockey Team:

We do not have enough individuals to support a full team. However, with other districts combined we would be able to offer this. The Maine Principals Association has approved this.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept a Cooperative Team Affiliation for an OOBHS girls hockey team. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

MOA for Teachers Association:

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the memorandum of agreement for the existing teachers collective bargaining agreement that expires on August 31, 2018. The language shall be amended to include the supplementary Blue View Vision program being offered through Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield at the employees own expense. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee: Our next meeting is October 26. Harriman Architects will be meeting representatives of the staff and administration in regards to future needs. Once that meeting has happened, we will follow up to hear what the staff and administration said. After that, we will then be able to finish the second phase of the study and then report back.

Negotiations Committee: We are discussing the Instructional and Non-Instructional Support staff negotiations that started back in March. The association requested mediation. We are now in the process of meeting with the Mediator. We met on September 9th and September 21. We are waiting to hear in regards to when our third meeting will go. Some of our challenges are that we do not have a current contract yet, but we are not the only district in the state that is in this situation. We are one of many districts that have gone to mediation.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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Minutes prepared by:

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Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent