

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
January 25, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: David Boudreau, Christopher LaSalle, Peter Flaherty, Stu Hogan, Cierra Albert (student rep) and Superintendent, John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Christopher LaSalle to accept the minutes from the December 21, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John restated the Budget Timeline. He stated that we are deep into building the 2018-2019 RSU 23 budget. Next Wednesday and Thursday we are going to meet as an administrative team and take a big ball of clay and make a coffee cup out of it. We are making a lot of great changes at a break-even cost. I think the public will be happy. After next week, Tuesday, February 27th the budgets will be presented to the school board. The next budget date will be the public workshop on April 10th where the community can give feedback. May 15th regional vote and June 13th for budget referendum. Update on the new website is that they have had employees changed positions there and we originally had a January deadline and so I reached out to them to say we were in no hurry to get it up and running. We have all kinds of videos and information. I am very proud of it and hopefully everyone will be proud of it as well.

Board Presentation

Cierra stated that January has been filled with plenty of snow days and rest for the students at the high school. The students have just completed the dreaded midterms. Students are patiently waiting to hear who was selected for National Honor Society. The prom community is working hard. Student will be attending the Berkeley Music festival in Boston. We had some students attending the Maine Youth Action Network. It will help them build better networking skills. Varsity girls are 10-3 and the boys are 5-5 Good luck to them for another great season.

Old Business

None

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New Business

Peter read policy DJ: Bidding/Purchasing Requirements with a minor change.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the following policies as written; IKC: Transcripts, IHCDA: Post Secondary Enrollment Options, IKFA: Graduation of Students with Disabilities and GCJS: Use of Personal Appliances as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

Dave reported out on the finance committee who met today. Went over a few items. The budget is in great shape and we are spending what we planned. Everyone has done their part and look forward to getting involved with next years budget. I think everyone will be pleased with the budget presented to the town. We met about the contract for the copiers. One thing we would like to better control is the lease for the copiers. Maybe getting better equipment for less money will help. They will have their final numbers to us next month and then I will bring it to the board. We wanted to change the policy down to \$25,000 to go out to bid to be in control.

Peter reported out on the building committee. We will reconvene in March. We haven't had a meeting for a few months. The committee has already been advised we will start up again in March. That will be around the time the state will come out with the list of the schools getting funding. Could be as early as March but as late as June.

Board Remarks

Carol wanted to reflect on the past week that she has been in the district and she's been able to get in schools. Part of her work at UNE she works with student teachers and has been observing a teacher at LMS. She observed the student teacher but also observed the teacher teaching in our district. She wanted to commend all the teachers out there. She is part of strategic planning and would like to give a shout out to Joanne for running the meetings. It is great.

Chris wanted to thank the principals for keeping us updated weekly. He appreciates it because it keeps him updated from what's going on. Excited to see the website. He has seen the logos popping up at the schools and they look great. Congratulations to all the students for completing midterms this week.

Peter wanted to shout out to the girl's basketball team. Last night they beat a #1 class A team. They are having a great season.

Stu wanted to piggy back on Chris' statement about the weekly reports from the schools and shout out to Cierra who is running her final race running for OOB with TA.

Cierra stated that she is looking forward to February and playoffs going forward. Good luck to the teams.

Dave stated that he knows it's a lot of work putting together the budget. He knows it's a stressful time but he thinks things are getting better as you go along. We will make it as painless as possible in

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February. We will probably have all kinds of questions. If we can get a preliminary before hand we can look it over before. Looking forward to the boys and girls basketball.

Executive Session

None

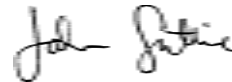
Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris LaSalle and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent