

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
October 17, 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, Carol Marcotte and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept the minutes from the September 20, 2018 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

To table 2 year NEASC Presentation until November, Addition of approval of school nurse in new business, and addition of discussion of OOB HS gym dedication in new business.

Correspondence

Resignation of Deron Sharp, OOB High School History Teacher.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Joanne, Mike, Sue and I went to a conference in Waterville regarding Pre-K and the grant. We received an amazing amount of data regarding the program and how it's benefiting kids. It was a nice information session to see what the future of the work in Pre-k is going to be. OOB is the gold standard in pre-k delivery of services. He gives Sue Gallant credit for this. This is really her doing in collaboration with Barb and Mike. Sue was really the one driving this train. Sue Reed will come down and present to the board. One thing that did stand out in the data for Pre-K is the attendance. We have a lot of kids that are classified as truant from Pre-k to 12. He is mapping monthly board reports like the state of LMS, JES, food service, etc. He would like to incorporate more board presentations. This is Stu's last meeting. He was on the board when we broke away from the big RSU in 2014. He has been inquisitive, supportive, a champion of kids, a volunteer, supporter of athletics, pleasure working with you, your sons and Christine. Thank you for everything you have done. We have come a long way and you have been a part of that every step of the way.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Chris LaSalle to approve the following policies; IJOC: School Volunteers, IJOC-E: School Volunteer Agreement, JLFA: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention &

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Response, JLFA-R: Model Policy for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response, EEBB: Student Transportation in Private Vehicles, and GBEB: Staff Conduct with Students as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the nomination of Sarah Burnham, school nurse. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to dedicate the OOB HS gym in the name of John Regan as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Dave reported out on the finance committee who met yesterday, and reviewed where we are with the budget month to date. Everyone got their reports at the beginning of the month and you should be getting those every month. If you have questions please reach out to the superintendent. We also discussed and I'm embarrassed as a board member to say; last year's senior yearbooks are still not done. I have had a lot of calls. We have been trying to update the parents and students as much as possible and when we will be getting those. It's kind of a joke and I'm not very happy with that. We have discussed that and the finance committee decided to refund everyone that has purchased yearbooks last year or graduating seniors. A refund will come when we receive the yearbooks. Right now we are looking at the end of December. I can only apologize on behalf of the board. John stated it's an unfortunate situation. We communicated with parents last month and told them we hoped to get the yearbooks before Christmas break and we will have a signing party for students to sign the yearbooks including last year's seniors.

Peter reported on the building committee who met on Tuesday, October 9th and continue to work on prioritizing a needs list in all three schools. Mark presented them with a spreadsheet of immediate and future needs. It's a pretty healthy list of needy projects. We are also going to assess all three roofs to see the needs. They talked about exterior lighting at all the schools. In some schools a lot of the lights are burnt out and also we are going to be putting card readers and security in the buildings. The next meeting is the first Tuesday in November.

Chris reported on the technology committee who met Tuesday of this week. We had some short-term updates on the start of the school year. Content updated of website is appointed to someone at each school. We still have some chrome books and cases to hand out. The phone system is a little buggy to start but sounds like issues have slowed down. Kudos to Pam for all she has done to make these things run smoothly. Looking at license renewals, what the planning is going to look like for technology and what will we prioritize.

Board Remarks

Stu wanted to thank them for thanking him. 6 years went by fast. He is glad he took the time to run. It was a very good experience for him and he feels like we have been a part of many positive things. It has been positive for him and the community. He will miss that part but he is moving on.

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Peter encouraged everyone to vote on November 6th. It is very important, statewide and locally. He said thank you to Stu. He has been on the board since the beginning with him and have done a lot of hard work. He also continues to appreciate the communication from admin keeping them in the loop. When anything out of the ordinary happens John informs us. Three cheers for Pre-K. I think of when Jerome Plante was on the board, he was adamant about us having a Pre-k and that was before us getting the grant. I am sure he is as happy as I am.

Dave knows everyone is working very hard. This is probably one of the smoothest openings of school. It seems like we get it and that gets out in the community and I want to thank everyone for that.

Carol stated its' been a pleasure working with you Stu. Thank you. You will be missed. See you around town. Also she thinks the dedication to Mr. Regan is phenomenal. He is the perfect person to have that gym named after. She is thrilled we have a nurse. Everyone else thank you for doing the outmost to support our students.

Chris wanted to wish the 6th graders good luck as they head out to Camp Kieve next week. They are excited. Thank you to the Loranger staff that is going with them. That is a big deal. He continues to thank the admin staff for sharing with them weekly email updates or updates in their packets. He gave kudos to Joanne for talking about professional development and the staff that have stepped up to work on that. That says a lot to the commitment of our staff. He said thank you Stu.

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte to enter executive session at 6:43PM to discuss superintendent goals and evaluation per 1 M.S.R.A.§ 405(6)(A)

Executive Session

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Peter Flaherty to exit executive session at 7:52PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

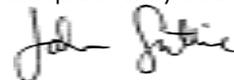
Adjournment

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Chris LaSalle to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent