

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
August 15, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: David Boudreau, Peter Flaherty, Chris LaSalle, Michelle Violette, and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Chris LaSalle to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2019 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add nomination of Lisa Spencer; SLP, Matt Foster; LMS Principal & Mike Brennan; HS History Teacher to list of new hires.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

Terri O'Donnell got up with some questions around title change, I know it was tabled last year. Why is it coming about again? John We have been working on this for some time. Tabled at the time, the teachers, and support staff did not have a contract and the optics at that time was not appropriate to change this. Terri – why the need for an assistant. Dave – we felt that changing the title would help us operate the school system a little more efficient. It was not a financial thing. John – I have a list of things why. Dave – thinks it's a need; there is no financial burden. Terri - Other districts our size is it comparable to how they do it. Was this a posted position, was it posted on serving schools. John- No and I can give you the reasons why. Peter – all the job duties in the description are already being done by Mr. Hanson.

Superintendent's Report

John gave out thank you's to Caroline and her food service staff for providing summer lunch to Saco and OOB students. Caroline has just been a game changer for us and the food service department. Thank you to Mark and his crew of custodians who have been working hard getting the buildings ready, they look great. We have significantly updated the roofs at Jameson and Loranger. We have added 27 new cameras in the district to increase safety for our students and staff. They have helped us tremendously in the past year in solving mysteries. Teachers return on Monday, 26th and Tuesday 27th for full day workshops. Students start grades 1-9 on Wednesday and the whole district on Thursday. We have received two resignations, Amy Wright, moved on to be an instructional designer for UNE and Sarah Jaffe has taken a position at North Yarmouth Academy.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

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A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Chris LaSalle to approve the title change from Asst. high school principal to Asst. high school principal/Asst. Superintendent as presented. Voted 3-1. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Chris LaSalle to approve new hires; Katherine LaCasse, Rachel Hatem, Kaylen Berry, Dawn Hall, Casey Griffin, Kelly Pelletier, Jonathan Spath, Matt Foster, Lisa Spencer, and Mike Brennan as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to change OOB HS open house date from September 11, 2019 to August 28, 2019. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Peter Flaherty read 1st readings of policies; BE: School Board Meeting, BEDA: Notification of Board Meetings, BEDC: Quorum; BHC: Board Communication with Staff, BIA: New Board Meeting Orientation, CB: School Superintendent, CB-R: Superintendent Job Description, CBD: Superintendent's Contract and GBF: Employee Work Related Injuries

Committee Reports

Peter reported out on the building committee. We will start meeting again once school starts. Scheduled roof replacements at JES and LMS have been completed. More card readers have been installed. Key card reader will be rolled out soon. Custodians have been working extremely hard to get the building ready. A new water bubbler installed at Jameson soon. Underground fuel tanks have been cleaned.

Dave talked about the finance committee. They met today. We closed out the year and are in good shape. Roofs have been done. I have been here 4 ½ years and this is the best food service year we have had. I had called it a money pit but for the first time this year we were under budget. There are no emergencies right now. Mark had a creative solution to the high school roof as the contractor is not returning our calls.

Chris reported out on the technology committee. We are going to be meeting again in September as well. Got an update by Pam. We purged out old data from Saco and Dayton from our student system. Online student enrollment will be available soon. Loranger's WIFI has been improved as well. Busy summer.

Board Remarks

Peter shared that everyone has been working hard. There were a lot of hires that needed to be made this summer. Teachers and administrators have been working hard on those committees to get good people hired. I keep going back to the food service program that provided all those meals to both OOB and Saco.

Chris wanted to say thank you to all administrators and everyone that have been doing great things this summer. Thank you for all that work. I can't believe we are already coming around to start school. Welcome Mr. Foster.

Michelle welcomed Mr. Foster; I saw your video. Welcome to all of our new staff, teachers and administrators. School has already begun. We already have teachers in there, band going on, preseason sports. The road race provides great scholarships for all of our students. We had \$81,000 worth of scholarships for a small number of students. Breakaway road race this Saturday in OOB. We have 270 preregistered. We will end up with close to 400 runners. Kids fun run we will have close to 100 kids.

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Dave shared that he has been in the schools this summer. More than he is used to. Any time I go there, there is always staff working. That is cool to see all summer long. Kids are excited the first day of school. I appreciate that. I know we have a couple of openings. We always have great staff here. Matt, you had some great ideas and some great energy. Superintendent evaluation, the vice chair has been working really hard this summer on the model for this. I am asking that Chris email out a proposed template and make comments and then we will meet with the superintendent to see his thoughts to come with a formal evaluation tool. Requesting to change the September meeting to the fourth Thursday.

Executive Session

None

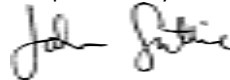
Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Chris LaSalle to adjourn the meeting at 6:58PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent