

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
September 26, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Chris LaSalle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Peter Flaherty, Chris LaSalle, Michelle Violette, 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 Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2019 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John wanted to congratulate the administrative team, teaching staff and all district employees for such a great start to the year. It is a testament to the caliber of staff we have in our district. He wanted to thank the OOB fire department for providing a blood borne pathogen training for our staff. We also received trauma kits in each school from the fire department and staff have been trained on those kits in case of emergency. We are having some fire drills in our schools throughout the year. He did want to acknowledge the hard work Mark Beaudoin and staff at getting everything ready for the start of the year as well as the new key card system that was put in place. We have some much better situations with our roofs because of the hard work of those people. I wanted you all to be aware that we will be having Taiwanese educators to talk about project-based learning at LMS. I know that Mr. Foster and group are excited for those people to get here. Homecoming week at the high school is October 15th -19th with the homecoming dance on the 19th. We have a home marching band show on October 26th at the high school at 5:00pm.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Carol Marcotte to accept the following policies as written; 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. Voted unanimously. Motion approved

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Committee Reports

Peter reported out on the building committee. We have changed all the exterior locks on all schools so that there is no need for staff to have keys. All staff have key cards that allow them to access the buildings during certain hours. There are only three people in the district that hold keys to the exterior to the schools. There was a lot of roof work done this summer and all of it has been completed. A lot of good work. There was a project at the high school where the façade needed to be replaced. The company that was doing it had to leave the job so Jason Lavoie and Andy Shoot, who works for public works, did a fabulous job completing the project. He would like to give a big thank you to them for the hard work. There are some trucks around Jameson to do some drainage work around town that is being completed by public works. We will be looking into projects for next year. We will see what happens when Mark starts building his budget for next year. I would like to thank Mark and his crew for all hard work they have done.

There was no finance committee meeting this month.

Chris reported out on the technology committee. We met this week. Some highlights are that teachers can enjoy a subscription to online education films. They will be able to assign watching a film for homework if they choose. Student device deployment has gone well for the start of the year. The committee is looking at different strategies for student and staff refresh for the coming year. One of the ideas that is being thrown around is a potential "rent to own" so students would be able to have their device when they graduate. Sixth graders now have chrome books. Seventh and Eighth graders still have the MLTI devices but they did receive new cases this year and they are pretty excited about that. Teacher and staff devices will have a pilot plan will be implemented this year with an option for devices. We are no longer the technology committee. We are now the digital learning committee.

Board Remarks

Peter wanted to thank everyone for all the work that was completed over the summer by Mark and his crew. Everything came out perfect.

Chris was at the building needs committee meeting and the digital learning committee this week. He walked away all impressed at the great work that has been done. To say that we are in the fourth week of school is crazy. He would have said it was week two. The students are lucky to have all of you in keeping them safe. He also wants to wish the marching band good luck and a shout out to Vernon Wells, the drum major this year, who earned a 4 out of 5 in his first go out last week.

Michelle spoke of the building committee and the grant that came through the town for the tennis courts. It is really great to see all of that happening. I also wanted to thank public works as they are always willing to pitch in. I would like to thank some of our community organizations like VFW Auxiliary has done a lot for our backpack program and so much more. We are ever so grateful. Emily Haines is our high school art teacher, congratulations on baby Esther. Beforehand she was able to send all the board members a note. The MEA state calendar cover art was done by senior Caitlyn Perrigo. She is a fantastic artist. Caitlyn also went to haystack over the summer. Congratulations to both Caitlyn and Emily.

Carol wanted to say thank you for the beautiful calendar and thank you to Caitlyn for that. Thank you to the staff for the great start of the school year. She has never been able to have the opportunity to say Thank you for all the summer work. She knows how hard the summer work is. Thank you for the grounds being so awesome, the communication and it's great to see so much great communication. Joanne Dowd, I hope you watch the show. Leading summer work is a great deal. She was fortunate to have

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some of you at UNE this summer. It was so powerful to see the dedication. The charts, the synergy and the work being done was great. Thank you to administrators for opening your school doors to take on UNE students in the school. They will be looking to see if they would like to be an educator. Joanne helped me facilitate that. She has been on the board for five years and has enjoyed every moment of it working with the schools, administrators and parents. Her heart and soul is in education but she is leaving the board for now. My new role will be on the sunset bay sunset rotary club and the people she serves with are wonderful people. One of the endeavors is the world map at LMS. All the students will be able to go outside, look at all the countries in the world and figure out where they are standing at that time. She is working with Stephanie because the interact club is an offset of the rotary club. Thank you everyone. She will be back.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to enter executive session at 6:27PM to discuss superintendent goals and evaluation per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(A)

Executive Session

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Chris LaSalle to exit executive session at 7:12PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

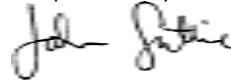
Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Chris LaSalle to adjourn the meeting at 7:13PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent