

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
February 27, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Chris LaSalle called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Present: Christopher LaSalle, Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2019 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add Calendar Committee to the agenda

Correspondence

Resignation of Jameson Elementary School Principal on February 12, 2020

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John spoke about the Coronavirus and how that is the hot topic right now. He wants us to know that we have a letter that we drafted with our nurses and the CDC. We are going to send that out to families and public on how we can be prepared if the coronavirus creeps into our area. Congratulations to all RSU #23 athletes and musicians this winter season. Thank you to our maintenance crew for the great job they do with snow removal. They work with the public works department and it's not easy. They work long hours and it's very difficult because you need to do the roads before the sidewalks but they all do a great job keeping up. We are not out of the woods yet. The month of March is winter. We are not safe until April vacation. RSU 23 proposed budget is currently online, under the school board tab, then budget. The next public meeting Wednesday, April 8th in the town hall at 6:00. We will be presenting the proposed budget and public comment will be welcome. Tuesday, May 12th is the regional budget meeting where the public has to vote on each article. That meeting is crucial and he is hoping to have a good deal of town participation because that is the meeting that sets the number for the budget. This Tuesday is super Tuesday so the high school will be open and there is school so there will be students there. We have a good plan so that everyone can get in and vote in a safe manner.

Board Presentation

Addy, Alexis and Chloe along with Mrs. Dupee spoke of the clothing and food closet at the high school and all it has to offer. They explained how the area came about and how it has helped so many students in need.

Judy Milligan spoke of the food pantry at LMS and that the Brunswick has raised \$8000 for this. There are countless organizations that contribute to our food pantry. We have several people from town that don't even have students in our schools that will donate all the time.

Loranger Memorial School students Izzy and Chloe along with Mrs. Dowd spoke of the "Making Memories" project that they have been involved with. They spoke of all the interviews and visits they had with members of the community to learn all about Old Orchard Beach. Both students were extremely excited and fully engaged with the project.

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Mrs. McLaughlin spoke of the backpack program at Jameson and the process they use to distribute as well as the help it provides many families. Mrs. Gallant spoke of the family resource center which houses, food and clothing and many other things for families in need.

(Please refer to video for entirety of all presentations)

Old Business

None

New Business

Sally Beatty read the first reading of policy EFD: Charging Policy

Committee Reports

Finance: Sally reported that they met on Tuesday morning where Eric presented the performance on the student activities account and Joanne went over changes and how our grant money from Title 1 will be used. Cindy gave an update on our financial state at this time.

Building committee's last meeting was cancelled because of snow and will meet in March.

Technology committee did not meet last month and our next meeting will be in April

Calendar committee got the ball rolling and had our first meeting this Tuesday and worked everything out. Hoping to have a draft on the March agenda and then have the board vote on it in April.

Board Remarks

Sally stated she wanted to continue on about the wonderful work with the student supply closets in each of our schools. She is also impressed with all the donations and amount of money the community has given. The making memories project, those students did a wonderful job.

Michelle stated that tonight got her. The presentations she heard tonight are the reasons she got on the committee. Thank you all for the presentations. Condolences for the Hawkins family. Long educator who passed over vacation and several of the educators here knew him well.

Chris stated that one of his favorite parts of the monthly meetings is the presentations by students and staff. It just reinforces how the community comes together to help everyone out. It's a great venue to let the whole community know that these programs are out there and available. We had the budget workshop earlier this week. Thank you to the administration and all the staff for putting the budget together. Excellent work.

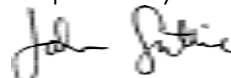
Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent