

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
February 16, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Present: David Boudreau, Carol Marcotte, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John stated that he wanted to discuss something that was near and dear to everyone's mind; snow removal. We have had a challenging winter. He would like to personally thank Mark Beaudoin, Glen Gilbert, Dick Martin and the custodians. They have worked very hard in the last couple of weeks to get things cleared. They have been coming in early, staying late, and they have been doing a great job. We had 4 people from public works work overnight so that we could get our students to school.

We have just used our 6th snow day, which means our last day of school right now is 6/26. He has been in contact with local superintendents to talk about ideas on how we can make these days up. There have been some creative ideas talked about but nothing has been set in stone as of yet. Stay tuned for information from him or building principals on how we make take care of this.

Budget season is in full swing. Budget meetings will start February 29th at the LMS library where the building administrator's will present their budgets and then March 1st where special education, maintenance and transportation will be presented. The public meeting regarding the budget will be April 10th at the town hall.

Principals, Mark Beaudoin, Lucas Porter and myself met to work diligently to develop a student pick up plan at both Loranger and Jameson. We need to figure out traffic flow as well as a sign out for parents to pick up their kids. Parents stay tuned for that. Safety is our priority and we really felt like we needed to work on a plan to make that more cohesive.

Michelle Violette asked if anything was set in stone on the last day of school as of right now. John replied that if we don't have another snow day we would like to get our kids out before the weekend.

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Board Presentation

Tommy Lachance presented the board with the update on the baseball trip to Florida. Currently they have booked their flights to Florida and have paid the deposits on that. They have put our deposit down for the facility through fund raising and no contribution from the district. They have so far raised \$7000 but need an additional \$8000. Their biggest fundraiser is coming up on March 18th (silent auction @ the Brunswick 2:00 -6:00). Things are looking good and they are right on target. Stu Hogan asked what happens if we don't raise enough money? Tommy stated that what is left over will be divide up between coaches and players to pay the rest. Dave asked If a player has paid but does not meet academic requirements, what happens. Tommy stated that, that was discussed at their first meeting and players know that it's academics first.

Gabe reported that tomorrow night (February 17th) is the winter formal dance. The girl's basketball and boy's basketball teams both qualified for states. The girls will play Tuesday, February 21st in Augusta.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the instructional and non-instructional support staff job descriptions as written. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the superintendent contract as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Carol Marcotte to accept the following policies as written; IJOC: School Volunteers and DKC: Expense Authorization and Reimbursement. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Dave Boudreau gave a finance Update. He stated that we actually meeting tomorrow but he can tell you that based on our budget we are on schedule and moving along. He is happy where we are at with that. He will have more to report at the next meeting.

John reported out on the building committee. The building committee met on Feb 1st. He updated the group on the state application process. He stated last month that we are working with Jeff Larimer as he is writing our application, which is due in April. The meeting has been rescheduled for the first week in March. We will continue to work on that application to submit in April. We are working with Tom Seakens from Siemen's about the scope of work that needs to be done at our three schools to make them sound, until we can actually get the new buildings in and done. Many districts work with them to find changes that they can make in the school buildings, so that all the money isn't going out the window. The other part of the presentation was that they have a financing plan out there rather than go out to the voters for bonds. School districts could go to banks and get loans and then their payments will be included in the budget each year. When you go for bonds you are liable for anything that breaks. With loans the banks are responsible for anything that breaks. Right now Mark has done a good job in budgeting for next year as far as needs to keep things running. Tom did a nice job presenting that. The committee will meet again on March 1st. Michelle Violette you may not have

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any answers tonight but have brought it up before. Are alternative energies being talked about? Are we keeping the boilers that we have? John replied that they will present to us the best options for our district to be more energy efficient. There are big tax breaks on becoming energy efficient. We could get a great deal of money back just for that.

Board Remarks

Stu Hogan wanted to give a shout out to Mark Beaudoin and his staff for snow removal. John did mention it earlier but he remembers back in the day walking to school with huge snow banks but it has been great. We do complain a little as we would like everything scraped down but they have done a great job. Carol Marcotte wanted to tell everyone to hang in there. She has never had so many snow days in a year. February break is right around the corner. Michelle Violette wanted to thank everyone from faculty, administrator's staff and students. Wanted to take a moment to recognize Cynthia Potenza on her work on the job descriptions. Peter Flaherty wanted to just shout out to Dean Plante on his new position as well as congratulations to the boys and girls basketball teams. David Boudreau said that he appreciates the reports from the administrators in their packets. There are a lot of things going on in the schools. Snow removal as we talked about he wanted everyone to understand that Mark Beaudoin and his team is looking at that and the first thing on their minds is the safety of the students. He has done a great job. Hopefully the sun will come out tomorrow and it will be 75 degrees next week. He touched a bit on the budget workshops; that is exactly what they are. This is where the board will ask questions and not outside of the workshop. Just because it is presented to us doesn't mean that is what is going forward. We have a lot of work that we go through and ask a lot of questions. When you present your budget if the board asks questions its not because we don't believe you or like you, it's just that we are not there everyday and would like some clarification on things.

Jerome Beggar a resident of Old Orchard wanted to let everyone know that until last nights rain the fire hydrant on Dirigo Drive was buried in snow.

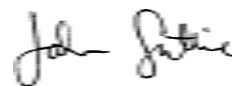
Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Carol Marcotte to adjourn the meeting at 6:32PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent