

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

Superintendent Lloyd Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Present: Jerome Plante, Carol Marcotte, Peter Flaherty, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent Lloyd Crocker.

## ***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited***

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2015 board meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Public session was moved to after chairperson's remarks.

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

2015-2016 Budget – first community budget workshop happened the previous night. We have posted the information on the website as well as put out an email to all parents with the budget summary sheet and budget workshop timeline. Please call the Superintendent's office if you have any questions. A second workshop is scheduled for March 18, at the OOB HS café at 6:00pm.

Review of meeting with Sue Reed in regards to Pre-K program happened last week. It looks like we will be included in the \$14.8 million grant to help fund a pre-k program. Hope to come to the board in April or May for approval of grant money.

Thursday there is a budget workshop/meeting for a presentation on proficiency based education at LMS library.

We have met with both Oak Point and Harriman Associates in regards to gathering more information on building a new school. We have received proposals from both and more information will be provided during the facilities committee report.

Restorative School Practice - We had received \$83,000 to cover the work across our community. Dayton is not included but Saco is. In the second year of the grant, we were approved for \$41,000. Three weeks ago, Mark Murray the coordinator of the grant received news that the grant money is back to \$83,000.

## **Chairperson's Remarks**

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The Board would like to thank the educators, the taxpayers who supported last years budget, the entire community that supports the schools, as well as all of the students. We are a thoughtful board and we are working diligently to review the budget and have a transparent process.

We are going to move to public session. Please state your name and address. We will ask that Old Orchard Beach residents come to the podium first and then others after.

## **Public Session**

John Byrd – appreciative of moving the public session to after the Chairperson's remarks and for the board welcoming the public input.

John Nye - Teacher Association President – would like to encourage the Superintendent and the Board to use any excess revenues that are realized towards reinstating staff positions that were proposed to be eliminated to help maintain the quality of education at our schools.

Stephanie Babin – Teaches Computer Technology Classes at OOB HS. Outlined reasons why she was given that her position was being eliminated and offered counter points as to the value add her classes give the students at OOB HS.

Lindsay Butler – Foreign Language Teacher at OOB HS. Outlined how Foreign Language is so important for the global marketplace especially in Old Orchard where we have a huge summer population that speaks another language.

Marilyn Sell – Foreign Language Teacher at LMS. Outlined how Foreign Language is important at the middle school level for our students.

John Nye – At yesterdays workshop he requested an impact sheet on a \$200,000 property for each percentage increase. A 3% to 4% increase was a difference from \$24 to \$42 that would provide a significant difference to the students.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

First Reading of Technology policies IJNDB and IJNDB-R.

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A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Jerome Plante to approve the memorandum of agreement regarding the RSU 23 collective bargaining agreement for teachers as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports**

**Negotiations Committee Update:** Michelle Violette reviewed that the negotiations are underway for the Non-Instructional and Educational Support Staff. We have met twice. Ground rules have been set and we are just in the beginning stages.

**Policy Committee:** Mike Flaherty updated that five policies were reviewed for technology. We have an update to the lockdown policy that the committee needs to review and we have several other policies that are being brought forth from the sub committees to the policy committee for review.

**Facilities Committee:** Jay Kelley updated that the committee met with Harriman and Oak Point again to get clarification on both proposals. The committee is still trying to decide if a K-8 school or K-12 school would serve the community better.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Pam Ouellette,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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Lloyd Crocker,  
Superintendent