

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on March 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Carol Marcotte called the meeting to order at 6:08pm. Present: Carol Marcotte, David Boudreau, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent Lloyd Crocker. Virtually Present: Peter Flaherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve the minutes dated February 9, 2016 as written. Voted unanimous. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Budget Process Update:

Budget presentations were made to the school board at workshops last Tuesday and Wednesday evening. We have our first of two public budget workshops tomorrow night at the OOBHS café where the 2016-2017 proposed budget will be presented. We will be answering questions and taking feedback from the public. The second of two public budget workshops will be held on Tuesday March 22 at the OOBHS café.

Joint Meeting on "SSL" with Saco/Biddeford & Dayton/OOB/TA

Presently there is in the works planning for a 3-district joint school board meeting for the last week of March to collectively take an official vote on starting school later. This would be an unprecedented board meeting that would provide the opportunity for a show of strong unity between the three districts in support of SSL. If we are successful it would mean that students in grades 6-12 in all three districts would move from 8:30 to 8:00 with a dismissal time of 2:45. The PreK-5 students would be moved from 8:30 to 8:00 with a dismissal time of 2:15. The building principals have created and distributed a SSL survey for both parents and staff to complete regarding their support of moving school start times. This feedback will be vetted first by the district administration and then shared with school board members. The school board will then vet the data and decide whether they will support this proposal.

PBS Site Visit by MDOE:

On Thursday May 26th, the MDOE will be doing a PBE extension visit to get updated on where our district is in the Proficiency-Based work being done across the district. They will be soliciting feedback from us but also, with the use of a specific protocol model, will provide us with specific feedback based on their site visits a year ago. We are feeling really good about the progress we

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have made on this front, and look forward to sharing our progress and success to date with the MDOE PBE extension team.

Read Across America

Last Wednesday was Read Across America day in celebration of Dr. Seuss birthday. Administrators, teachers, "special guests" took part in this celebration by reading a book to a classroom of students. I had the privilege of reading Dr. Suess's book THE LORAX to Marlene Day's 5th grade class.

Chairperson's Remarks

Participated in the Dr. Seuss day with reading a book to a class. The board is focused on a fiscally responsible budget, on education, and keeping the community in mind.

Board Presentation

Presentation by TIDES student – Oceanwood Internship Experience: To view a copy of the presentation please visit www.oobmaine.com.

Presentation by Building Administrators:

John Suttie – OOBHS: 2016-2017 Program of Studies is on our website. We are planning next years master schedule and putting together a staff professional development plan for the remainder of the year. There is a Class Night meeting for senior parents on March 23 at 6:30PM. Applications for BRCOT visit are due on April 1. SATs will be administered during the school day this year on April 12. It is a mandatory test and will be used in our annual Maine Education Assessment. There is "Scholarship Information Night" on March 15, 2016 at 6:00PM in the HS café. It is very important for any senior student planning on going to any type of school to attend this meeting. Our 8th grade Transition Night will be held on March 29 from 6-7:30. The next Coffee with the Principal will be held on Tuesday March 22 at 6PM in the OOBHS Library.

Mike Flaherty – K-8: Start School Later survey was sent out. We have received 200 responses and close to 49% of people are in favor. MEA testing is coming up – last year this test was called the smarter balanced – grades 6-8 will use the iPad, 3-5 will use the computer lab. Since this is the first year of the assessment it will be considered the baseline for future exams. Dr. Suess Day was enjoyed in Prek-5 and each classroom had a guest reader.

Barb Fletcher – Jameson: Kindergarten screening is scheduled for April 11-13. We are in the process of revamping our PreK applications and process as well as are looking forward to another year of our PreK collaborative with Head Start and Child Development Services. PBIS assembly themes for March are: Read Across America, Responsibility, STAR Week Assembly – Appreciating a variety of ways to exhibit STAR qualities within our school community, March 25 – Perseverance, and April 1 – Peanut Butter and Jelly. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 16th and 24th. PreK-8 teachers are working diligently on curriculum development.

George Shabo – LMS: Our Floor hockey program has 97 kids and 20-30 faculty members and we are having a great time. Restorative Practices: You received a packet with the information on a visit from another school we are hosting. The items in the packet are all items that were accomplished this year alone.

Old Business

None

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New Business

First Reading of Policy JICH-R – Regulation and enforcement of Drug and Alcohol Policy. The policies can be viewed on the RSU 23 website.

Second Reading of Policies:

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by David Boudreau to approve policy IKF-Graduation Requirements and IKFF-Multiple Pathways as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Appointment of Principal/Superintendent of Schools:

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Stuart Hogan to appoint John Suttie as the RSU #23 school departments Superintendent of Schools/Old Orchard Beach High School Principal pending contract negotiations beginning the 2016-2017 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Termination of Attendance for OOB Student:

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to approve the termination of attendance for the OOB HS student per the letter dated February 22, 2016 in accordance with 20 M.R.S.A. §911, Subsection 1. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee – David Boudreau

At our recent facilities committee meeting we reviewed the work orders that were still pending in the system and what has been closed out. Going forward we will review these monthly.

Adult Ed Governing Board – Dave Durkee

We had 325 adult learners which was an enrollment increase of 25% and we also had an 18% increase in revenue. We will be offering 137 courses this Spring. Our Adult Ed Graduation will be held on Wednesday June 15th.

Strategic Planning Ad HOC Committee – Lloyd Crocker:

The Ad Hoc strategic planning committee met last week on Wednesday March 2nd to continue our work. Unfortunately the meeting was poorly attended and we were not able to make any significant progress. We did decide however that we are going to convene 4 or 5 committee members to work for a full release day with the goal being to complete the first version of a draft OOB RSU 23 strategic plan. We are looking at a date in early April.

Finance Committee – Dave Boudreau

We reviewed policies with how accounts are handled. We also looked at the current budget and where funds can be utilized.

Calendar Committee – Michelle Violette/George Shao

April meeting we will be presenting the updated draft of the calendar and we are pending start school times. We hope to have this ready to present at the April board meeting.

PE/PG Educator Effectiveness Steering Committee – Barbara Fletcher

The steering committee met last Thursday, February 25th. Discussion revolved around 5 observations per year and the potential use of student surveys, portfolios, and student work samples as artifacts to show meeting and potentially exceeding of professional standards for review in a teachers summative evaluation. We shared thoughts around how to weigh student

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growth data, brainstormed ideas for providing professional growth opportunities for teachers. We are required to submit a PEPG handbook as part of our plan so we are putting together a template. We had a parent share her perspective around our evaluation practices and sharing information in a parent friendly language.

Executive Session:

To discuss employment of employees per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Stuart Hogan to enter into executive session at 7:29p.m to discuss employment of employees per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) with possible action. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Michelle Violette to exit executive session with no action at 8:53p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 8:54p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Pam Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent