

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

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

## **Meeting Called to Order**

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Present: David Boudreau, 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 February 16, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustment to the Agenda**

Include April 14<sup>th</sup> as student ½ day in the approval for snow day makeup.

## **Public Session**

The girl's varsity basketball team was recognized for their accomplishments and on a great season. Dean Plante stated that they had a great season with 13 strong players on the varsity team. They finished the regular season 4<sup>th</sup> in heal points, had some good quality wins and it was a good run. He stated that this team surprised quite a few. They have 2 core seniors graduating this year but most are coming back next year. Congratulations!

## **Superintendent's Report**

John talked about the snow days. He stated that last month we talked about adding a day on a teacher workshop day, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday we had our 7<sup>th</sup> snow day so the board will also vote on April 14<sup>th</sup> being a half day later tonight. If we have more snow days we will have to go back to the drawing board so that the last day is Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Population and enrollment study was just completed by Rebecca Wondell. It noted that in the last 10 years we have lost 200 students. Good news according to the study is that between 2017 and 2027 the population will sustain and grow. Also commissioned Mr. Jacob's to do a wetland study to find out how many buildable acres there are by the ballpark. This study can only be performed during one week of the year. We have secured him for that and it will be done in April. The new school building application is almost done. John will be meeting with the building administrators tomorrow to finish up our part of the application and then will send it to Jeff Larimer. He just wanted to remind the public that the public budget hearing will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at the town hall so anyone is welcome to attend. The school board meeting for April has been moved to Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Michelle asked, after you put in the application when would you hear? Is that July? John said April and then they would tell us within the next few months if we make the list.

## **Board Presentation**

Gabe Reed reported out as the student school board representative. Wanted to let people know that this is the best the girl's basketball team has done ever. The winter sports team has come to an end. Winter carnival raised \$400 at their winter carnival for K-5.

## **Old Business**

None

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## **New Business**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve making the teacher workshop day on March 24<sup>th</sup> a student day as well as April 14<sup>th</sup> a ½ student day. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the Director of Instruction job description as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve that unloaded muskets be allowed in Loranger for the Civil War reenactment. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

Michelle Violette did the first readings of policies KF and KF-R. All policies are located on the RSU 23 website if anyone wants to read them.

## **Committee Reports**

David reported that the finance committee has not met since the last board meeting. He stated that we are in the middle of the budget season so we have had a few budget workshops since then. He will keep everyone updated as things come up.

Peter reported that at the last building committee meeting they met at LMS and John reviewed all the information that he had gotten from Siemens about the necessary things we need to look at whether or not we build a new school. The team wanted to tour LMS this month to see the state of it and next month they will be looking at Jameson. Also, next month the committee will review the results of the population study that was just completed.

## **Board Remarks**

Stu stated it was a nice treat to come here and be greeted by the student body and all their accomplishments. Michelle agreed. Peter wanted to recognize Trevor Lavenbein and Mark Manduca for all the work they do with the music program. They just do a fabulous job day in and out. David talked about May 18<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled board meeting will be changed to May 9<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the best part of the job is to recognize staff, students and their accomplishments. The whole team and what they did with basketball, it was great to bring them in and add that little extra touch.

## **Adjournment**

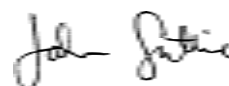
A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent