

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
April 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

Superintendent Lloyd Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 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 Peter Flaherty and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2015 board meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public session was moved to after chairperson's remarks.

Correspondence

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the retirement letter of Paul Doughty. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the retirement letter of Charlie Anton. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the retirement letter of John Regan. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the retirement letter of Lisa Lurvey. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the resignation letter of Meghan Ward at OOB High School. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to accept the resignation letter of Beth Orlando. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Superintendent's Report

We have officially been invited to be a part of the Pre-K program and be included in the grant money and would request approval from the board.

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Michelle Violette to endorse the memorandum of understanding for the Pre-K program. Voted Unanimously. Motion approved.

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We will be having a board workshop on April 30, 2015 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at LMS Library for facilities with Jeff Larimer from Harriman Architects.

Superintendent Crocker has met with a Saco parent who is heading the Start School Later – York County Chapter of this initiative. There is now enough interest for a local chapter. There has been a representative that is willing to present information to the board if there was interest.

Tim O'Connor and Jay Kelley have collected information of the cost of acquiring a modular for the STP program so we will be able to relocate the program to Old Orchard. The cost is around \$180,000 to \$200,000.

Chairperson's Remarks

A breakfast was held at the OOBHS for scholarship donations, which was well attended, and the board greatly appreciates the response from the community.

Student School Board Representative Remarks

Abby Dubois was unable to join us for this meeting.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Second reading of policies IJNDB and IJNDB-R.

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the policies IJNDB and IJNDB-R as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Calendar Proposal for the 2015-2016 school year – 181 staff days and 176 student days. PreK-5 will be at school from 8:30AM to 2:45PM and grades 6-12 will attend from 8:00AM to 2:15PM.

Minor corrections to be made: Add teacher workshop symbol, Start day of August 31 for Grades 1-12 is red, start day of September 8 for Pre-K – K should be blue.

Superintendent Crocker noted that on election day (November 3, 2015) school is in session. Thinking for the 2016 election, we will need to ensure that this is a non-student day due to the fact that it is both a Presidential election and a Gubernatorial election. Request has also been made by town clerk Kim McLaughlin.

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School board adaptation of the budget

Superintendent Crocker - As of today, we are recommending a 3.0% increase.

Chairperson Marcotte – glad to see that we are back to a 3% increase and relieved that we were able to increase the Capital Improvement and Contingency funds over what the last budget proposal had.

Peter Flaherty – relieved there is an increase in the contingency and that we are back down to three percent. The regional budget vote is Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the OOB HS Café. We will be going over each cost center and voting and would appreciate your attendance. This is the first time that we will be a stand alone RSU. Referendum validation vote will be on June 9th.

A motion was made by Jerry Plante and seconded by Michelle Violette to adopt the 2015-2016 budget as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Public Session

John Bird – appreciates public session being moved after new business. Question for Superintendent: are we moving from a 3.9% increase to a 3.5% or a 3.0% increase?

Superintendent Crocker: we are moving from a 3.9% increase to a 3.0% increase.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee: Peter Flaherty reviewed that they met with Jeff Larimer from Harriman Architects and the committee was presented with a proposal for all three schools. There will be a board meeting on April 30, 2015 at 3:30pm with Jeff Larimer.

Superintendent Crocker – we will eventually be organizing a community forum for the sole purpose to present the public information and solicit from them their ideas and vision. No decision has been made at this time between a K-8 school or a K-12 school as we would like the public's opinion.

Negotiations Committee Update: Michelle Violette reviewed that the negotiations are progressing and that the committee is still working on language and combining the two contracts but are making progress.

Personnel Committee:

Met in mid-March – Jay Kelley, Dean Plante, Lloyd Crocker, Stuart Hogan and reviewed the current job descriptions and what we currently are still in need of editing or creating.

Executive Session:

Enter Into Executive Session

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A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to enter into executive session at 7:09PM for the purpose of reviewing employment of employees 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(A) with possible action. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjourn Executive Session

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to exit executive session and re-enter into regular session at 7.33PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Action as a Result of Executive Session

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Jerome Plante to allow an administrator the option to retire and be rehired into the same position. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Pam Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent