

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
August 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

School Board Chair, Gary Curtis, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Gary Curtis, Jerome Plante, Carol Marcotte, Peter Flaherty, Stuart Hogan, and Superintendent Lloyd Crocker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the July 16, 2014 Board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Carol Marcotte to nominate Peter Flaherty as vice-chair. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Correspondence

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept letters of resignation from Ann Marie Henderson and Karen Walker. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Welcome new board members for RSU 23 OOB.

Admin Retreat: was held on August 7 and 8. Thanks to Carol Marcotte for helping to organize a room and food at UNE. The goal was to identify/clarify/prioritize for the new RSU. Topics covered were curriculum focus, Educator Effectiveness policy and State specifications, Special Education vision and operations, and Proficiency based education with John Ingram. We will be revisiting our personalized Strategic plan and emerging themes so more of the board members can be present.

Would like for the Facilities and the Planning committee to begin to meet and endorse new K-8 school building.

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Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Curtis gave list of assignments to board for each committee they are on. Board should plan to meet soon on their respective committees.

Going forward we will still be hosting Open Houses so town can get to know teachers, schools, and philosophy. Public plan with state of the schools.

Eva Tomeka was on a leave of absence for three months and she was asked by the board to provide information when she returned on her experience. This was included in the board packet.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

STP

At the July board meeting, we reviewed taking over STP which currently belongs to Saco. Majority of the students – 80% - are from OOB. Tim O'Connor reviewed the highlights of the program were to getting the students back into our community. We are currently experiencing a high cost for placing them in the program outside of the program. If we are able to move forward we can bill Medicaid to increase the income on the program as soon as October.

Carolyn Marcotte thought that it was positive that the students would be back in the community in which they live. Asked if the employees were also coming with the program. Tim O'Connor confirmed they would be.

It is noted that Saco will be voting at their board meeting on August 13, 2014 for the transition and this would be dependent upon this as well as Saco renting the building for two years.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Jerome Plante to approve the cooperative agreement substantially. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Head Start

Funding is now available for a Head Start program to return to OOB. In response to questions that were raised at July's Board meeting, Superintendent Crocker provided the following information- We are able to offer the program for one year only at this time, we would be utilizing a formal facilities use agreement, and including RSU 23 as an additional interest on the Head Start insurance Policy. Chairman Gary Curtis stated that we would have to be listed as an additional insured for this to be ok.

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the Head Start program with the proviso that the insurance is able to meet the specific requests. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

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New Business

New Hire

Superintendent Crocker read the following list of names, position, and school hired at to the Board for approval:

Old Orchard Beach High School: Kaitlyn Austin – Physical Science and Catherine Charles – French

Specialized Purchasing

Leasing of copiers throughout the school district. Superintendent Crocker would like the endorsement of the Board to enter into a contract for a tax-exempt 5-year lease. This lease would include replacing 52 machines, 42 of which would be either brand new/reconditioned. It would also reduce what we pay per copy currently as well as reduce us to using two vendors for all machines.

Chairman Gary Curtis mentioned that the RSU had 2.5 million copies last year and we need to move to sending items digitally to continue reducing costs.

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve Superintendent Crocker to enter into a new contract for the copiers. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports (all minutes included in Board packet)

Finance Committee Meeting

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stuart Hogan to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent