

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
August 18, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

Carol Marcotte called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Present: Carol Marcotte, Peter Flaherty, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent John Suttie.

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the June 16, 2016 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Cynthia Nye added to list of new hires as a full time K-12 Gifted & Talented Teacher as well as that will be moved to new business, Derek Moore will be added to the new hire list as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at LMS, we will add the approval of new job descriptions for Physical Therapist and Gifted & Talented Teacher, and we will table the booster presentation until September.

## **Correspondence**

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the resignation of Jocelyn Conley. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the resignation of Lindsey Butler. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Public Session**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

Facilities and maintenance department has worked very hard throughout the district getting buildings ready for students. Doing extra work in portable classrooms to get them up to code (i.e. Sprinklers). Dick Martin, Glen Gilbert and custodians have been working very hard to get everything ready. Pointed out it was a summer of transition with people in new roles, different roles, and multiple roles, and proud of staff and the work they have done this summer. They have shown great determination and focus. We haven't had any glitches this summer. When something needs to be done someone at central office has pitched in to help. Thinks it will be a great start to the school year with a new focus on student rigor, and high achievement.

Met with Town Manager, Larry Meade last week and we are going to schedule a joint meeting with the town council and Jeff Larimere, architect to talk about possible new school building projects. New Teachers will be coming in for orientation on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The following day on August 31<sup>st</sup> our full staff reports and we have workshops August 31<sup>st</sup>

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and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Open house at Loranger Memorial School August 31<sup>st</sup> will be 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Old Orchard Beach High School open house will be September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at Jameson Elementary will be September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Letters were sent out to all staff regarding workshop agendas as well as individual school letters sent separately.

## **Chairperson's Remarks**

Thank you administrators for working so hard to get the buildings ready this summer. It's a challenge sometimes. Our schools are not air conditioned and you've come in on hot days, and got work done. Thank you to teachers that have also come in this summer to work. Welcomed back parents and students to the upcoming school year.

## **Board Presentation**

Transportation: Mark Beaudoin introduced himself and gave a brief overview of what he has done this summer. Working on the bus fleet, getting them road worthy. They need some work on them. Been working with public works on that. Busy working on formulating the school bus schedules with the time changes. Preparing some street sweeping, curbside painting and crosswalk painting in the facilities issue. Everyone has been supportive and helpful and he wanted to thank everyone. Carol welcomed him aboard and stated she has heard a lot of good things about him.

## **Old Business**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to approve the amendment to the teacher MOA compromise with no retro pay. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the job descriptions of Physical therapist and Gifted & Talented job descriptions as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept Patrick Sylvia as OOB HS Special Education Teacher, Casie Levesque as Physical Therapist, Robert Duane as Jameson Special Education Teacher, Jacqueline Hayes as Guidance Counselor, Chad Denis as OOB HS History Teacher, Kaliegh Marston as JES Pre-K Teacher, Cynthia Nye as K-12 Gifted & Talented Teacher, and Derek Moore as LMS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

John talked about Lynn Gierie's 1 year leave of absence due to care for a family member, which is her right under the associations agreement with RSU board.

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept Lynn Gierie's request of a 1-year leave of absence

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First reading of four policies – KEB –Public Complaints about School Personnel, BCA- Board Member Code of Ethics, BDE-School Board Standing Committees, and BDE-R –Standing Committee Operating Procedures

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to accept probationary II teacher, Molly Walrath, Occupational Therapist. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Carol Marcotte wanted to address we have two new administrators in a way; Mike Flaherty as principal of Loranger and Barbara Fletcher as principal of Jameson.

## **Committee Reports**

David Boudreau is away this month so Peter was asked to give an overview. Information they wanted to get out is that the negative fund balance we ended the school year with was \$619, 908.92, which is a significant deficit but very gratefully we will have to thank the town folks to give us an extra 2% this year. We told them that the extra 2% was going to go towards the \$311,870.54 and was used to pay directly on two items, \$4,273.00 food services \$307,597.54 towards salary shortfalls plus the \$100,000 we had in the budget for Harriman we are not going to use them. We put that money towards the deficit as well. Our shortfall now is down to \$208, 038.38. We are in much better shape than it looked like we were going to be in.

Stuart Hogan wanted to invite everyone to the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Breakaway 5K road race. It is to benefit OOB scholarships. It didn't start that way but it's how it has ended up. This year it's in memory of John Bird, James Dyer, and Libby Blackman. Has a sample of the shirt with all the sponsors on the back that generously donate monies to these scholarships, which have grown substantially in the last few years. They have a total of 10, \$1000 scholarships this year.

Peter Flaherty spoke how appreciative we are for the support the town shows for OOB Schools.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

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Jon Suttie,  
Superintendent