

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
September 9, 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

Correspondence

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept letters of resignation from Diane Martin. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Public Session

Michelle Violet, a parent with two children in the RSU 23 schools wanted to make the board aware of the quality of the playgrounds at each schools. Chairman Curtis suggested that Superintendent Crocker take an inventory with Mr. Kelley to make a plan to walk and inspect the playground equipment. Jerome Plante made mention that the playgrounds are widely used by all and maybe the Young Cadets group could use this as a community service project.

Superintendent's Report

We had the opening of the new school year. It began with 16 new staff and orientation for them facilitated by Barbara Fletcher. On August 27 and August 28, workshop days were held. The first day was district opening and all staff where Mr. Crocker reviewed key points from February. The second day there was a K-12 effort on Proficiency Based Education. The class of 2018 would be the first to receive these diplomas. Cross-curricular and 21st century standards content areas were also reviewed. 6 standards were identified and a description for each of them created.

Open houses for each school were held. Jameson Elementary and Old Orchard Beach High School were on the 28th and Loranger Middle School was on the 27th. At the High school over 200 iPads were deployed. It was a great turnout for all.

STP

Revised financial report provided in packet. The budget for summer school is over by 6% and we need to keep this in mind for next year when the budget is being put together.

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The Saco School Board did not approve the STP program being transferred to RSU 23; they are looking for language to be clarified. Peter Flaherty wanted to ensure that we could commit to hiring the staff. Chairman Curtis said that the costs associated with the staff were already included in the costs analysis. In line with the current arrangement, any Saco student enrolled in the program by October 1 will be allowed to continue in the program as long as the IEP deems this necessary for the student.

The board agreed no additional vote was needed for approval.

Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Curtis congratulated the OOB HS football team. He wanted to remind everyone that the School Board election was coming up on the RSU board and the Town Council and that any candidate needed to have thirty signatures and need to be turned into the town by the 25th of September to be on the ballot.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A gift to the Old Orchard Beach high school scholarship fund is still being reviewed and at this time we will be bringing to the board for acceptance at a future date.

Committee Reports (all minutes included in Board packet)

Finance Committee Meeting

Revised financial report provided in packet. The budget for summer school is over by 6% and we need to keep this in mind for next year when the budget is being put together.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Carolyn Marcotte and seconded by Stuart Flaherty to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Pam Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent