

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
September 15, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

Carol Marcotte called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 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 August 18, 2016 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

On opening of school, great start to school year, busses running well, students tucked away in their classrooms and doing great

On Oct 5th there will be a joint meeting with town council, school board and architect Jeff Larimere to discuss options for building new school/schools.

On Oct. 12th @ 6:00 coffee w/superintendent at LMS... Public can come and join to discuss any issues you wish

Planning meeting July 2015 regarding planting trees on Dirigo drive to separate from TIDES. We are working with Moody's to get the trees planted

TIDES program was chosen by Hannaford to be the recipient of their reusable bag program. For each blue karma reusable bag purchased in the month of October a \$1 will be donated to our TIDES program.

New school construction application schedule will be released and due in the spring. A lot of the work done w/Harriman last year will help us to complete the application. Today the news was released that they will be opening up the application process again. Michelle Violette wanted to know the application process, will the list be reprioritized. John Suttie stated that they always reprioritize every new application process. Everyone will have to reapply. Schools can come in the first time in dire needs and get to the top of the list. All the work that has been done already can easily be turned into an application for us.

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Chairperson's Remarks

Explained that David was there via face time, however, explained why he cannot vote. They can discuss topics but can't vote. She was really happy and pleased that we were following through with our promise to plant trees by Dirigo Drive. Also stated that it was great that we were chosen for the bag program at Hannaford and would buy a few. She stated she would like to say everything is settling in at the schools. People are so motivated and reputable. Nice to see the schools so safe and effective right now.

Board Presentation

OOB HS BOOSTERS: Christine Hogan – President, Kelly Boudreau, Vice President and Treasurer and Mrs. Dyer, James' mom

In memory of James who attended OOB HS and participated in sports, the OOB HS boosters has purchased and would like to donate it in James' name so that it can be used by all of OOB HS.

John graciously accepted. Dave commented about boosters stating that he thinks they go unnoticed with the public and would like the public to know how much they do for the high school. They give out tons of scholarships, scoreboard for field hockey, breakout banners, etc. They really depend upon volunteering at sporting events, snack shack, etc. Just want everyone to know how much work they do behind the scenes and wanted to thank them for all the hard work they do.

Curriculum Presentation: (Eric Hanson & Barb Fletcher): kicked off curriculum on 2nd day of school. Specified goals and next steps to staff. Focus of our early release day yesterday (9/14). K-5 broke into grade level teams, and 6-12 subject teams. Used the rubric to show where they were and to plan our professional development for the next coming school year. At every grade level what are the skills and knowledge do students need. Now we know "the what" but "how", How are we going to deliver it to students. We have the curriculum but now we need to figure out what we need to do in terms of professional development to get our staff in the right place to

Every grade level did a self-assessment and will do some goal setting to guide them in their work for the year.

Michelle Violette stated that she noticed this year as a parent it seems like the teachers are taking a moment to try to get to know the students as individuals and surveys, etc. Is this part of this curriculum? Eric Hanson stated that curriculum really describes what is being done in the classroom. Can't do curriculum without talking about what is being done in the classroom.

Peter Flaherty questioned, so if I'm the 5th grade teacher will I know what the other grade level content will be? Eric Hanson explained that it would be shared school wide.

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Carol Marcotte would like to thank anyone involved in this process. Instruction is what really drives the students.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the Instructional Strategist Job Description. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Michelle Violette questioned about the instructional strategist position and what it really was. Tim O'Connor stated that it is helping out taking on chairing IEP meetings, not all just a few. Also very instrumental in helping me restructure 504, offering instructional support to teachers. Being able to serve as a liaison. I will still go to the more difficult ones but someone that has the experience that Carrie has can take over so I can be in the buildings more. Also supporting referrals that they are done with fidelity and essential with reviewing evaluation data.

David Boudreau asked if there was in this year's budget. Carol Marcotte stated how the process works for new job descriptions, it was designed, discussion about before. Then it comes to the board and then we vote. There is a process before it gets to them.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stuart Hogan to accept Carolyn Hutchings as district wide instructional strategist, Kristin Galipeau as .6 LMS health & wellness teacher, and Mary Fagan as full time LMS 3rd grade teacher.

Peter Flaherty talked about some new policies that had to be revised to include Pre-K within them. He described each one briefly and stated that they could be found on the website if someone wanted to review the entire thing.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to accept the following policies as written; KEB – Public Complaints about School Personnel, BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics, BDE-School Board Standing Committees, and BDE-R-Standing Committee Operating Procedures. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

David Boudreau wants to say over the summer he met many times with superintendent and business manager. Smooth transition. Things are going well. Changed the way people need to order things. There is a nice paper trail. Didn't want to have a finance meeting the first month of school but will be scheduling one in the next few weeks.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to enter executive session at 6:30PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to end executive session at 7:58PM. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette at 7:59 to end public session. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:

John Suttie,
Superintendent