

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
October 20, 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 Stu Hogan to accept the minutes from the September 15, 2016 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John explained the budget development schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. He referred people to the website for the complete schedule. He talked about the joint board/town council meeting to discuss options for building a new school. We will be proceeding with completing the state application, public hearings as well as public input will be happening. He also asked for 6-10 high school parents to volunteer to be a part of the NEASC visit on Sunday, November 13th from 1:00-2:30. Interested parents should contact John Suttie.

Chairperson's Remarks

Carol would like to thank everyone as the chair for working together on the school board as the pursuit of a strong educational system. This is my last term. I enjoyed working and leading all constituents. Further extend her gratitude to administrators, superintendent and everyone that has worked with students in the RSU. In closing she wished the very, very best to the students of OOB.

Board Presentation

Eric Hanson reported on how the start of school has been excellent. High school has had a great start. Focused on supporting students, academically, behaviorally and socially/emotionally. RTI has been beefed up so two periods a day we have interventions for students that need extra help. Seeing success with this. There was a tremendous amount of effort by Jackie Hayes and Beth Nason to make this happen. We have been seeing some results. He explained that they did an analysis on the attendance of students for the first 14 days of school. Are working to make unique plans to support students who are frequently out or tardy. Michelle Violette stated that as a parent she is happy about the interventions that are being put in place. Carol stated that the RTI piece is near and dear to her heart. She is very happy to know it's continuing and that staff are involved in it supporting students. As students fall behind they need that intervention. As far as attendance it is difficult to get students to school.

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Barb Fletcher reported that all is running smoothly and efficiently at Jameson thanks to our dedicated staff. There is so much going on throughout the day. Certainly takes a team approach to make sure everyone feels safe and supported. It's a wonderful place to work. Teaching and learning is happening with focus on academic and social learning is happening across settings and that adults are interacting in a variety of ways to make sure that happens. Worked hard in the last few weeks to determine what a STAR student is. She also reported out on what each grade level has been working/focusing on up to this point.

Mike Flaherty reported out on the start of school and that the school was safe and happy as always. He reported on all the great things each grade level was working on and what they were proud of.

Old Business

None

New Business

Peter Flaherty read through a nepotism, transgender student guidelines and medical marijuana in schools proposed policies. He wanted to stress that these were really important ones to the district and that folks could find them on the website for a more in-depth look.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by David Boudreau to accept the following policies as written; GCSA-E – Computer/internet rules, EEA-Student transportation, JFC-Dropout prevention student withdrawal from school, JJE-Fund Raising in schools JJE-R – Fund raising guidelines, GCD-R- Recruiting, hiring and employment change procedures Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

David Boudreau reported that they had not met yet. The meeting was scheduled for tomorrow and he will report out next time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stuart Hogan to enter executive session at 6:58PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.


A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Michelle Violette to end executive session at 7:19PM. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Peter Flaherty at 7:20 to end public session. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent