

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

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

## **Meeting Called to Order**

School Board Vice Chair Peter Flaherty, called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Present: Jerome Plante, Carol Marcotte, Peter Flaherty, Stuart Hogan, Michelle Violette and Superintendent Lloyd Crocker.

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

## **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Superintendent Crocker made the suggestion that the vote for Chair and Vice Chair wait until new board member Michelle Violette is sworn in. She will be sworn in on November 17 and the election for Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the December board meeting.

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Stuart Hogan to defer the election of Chair and Vice Chair until the Town Council has sworn in our new school board member. Voted Unanimously and Motion Approved.

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Stuart Hogan to accept the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Board meeting with correction. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

## **Correspondence**

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Stuart Hogan to accept letter of resignation from Mike Menario with regrets. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Public Session**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

Congratulations to the new school board member Michelle Violette and thank you to David Boudreau.

Update on Proficiency Based education work – Extension application was received by the state and we are awaiting a review of the application and hopefully for the acceptance. Of the 135 High Schools in the state, 106 have applied for an extension. The majority of Teacher Professional Development that is happening during teacher workshop day is on proficiency-based education.

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Educator-Effectiveness Stakeholder group has been formed and had their first meeting Monday of this week. A meeting was held with the Teacher Evaluation Committee to get updated on their work over the past 6 months

Camp Kieve Leadership School program for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade took place the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>. It is a 5 day residential program that focuses on the following areas – Communication Skills, Relationships, Goal Setting, Decision-making, Adventure Learning, Team-Building, and Environmental Studied. Matt Michaud will be making a more in-depth presentation to the board in December.

3-Community RSU 23 audit was completed on October 30. A formal report will be forthcoming and we will be able to reach reconciliation with Saco and Dayton. After review with Superintendent and Business manager, a formal report will be made to the school board.

Thank you to the OOBHS Student Council for their efforts in hosting Candidates Night on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Principal John Suttie acted as moderator and the following students asked questions of our candidates: Andrew Graves, Jenny Cobb, Emilie Chard, Abby Dubois, and Craig Finley. Thank you to Gary Curtis for his years of service and being an advocate for the students and the community of OOB.

## **Chairperson's Remarks**

Vice-Chair Flaherty thanked Chairman Gary Curtis for his years of service on the school board and presented a gavel in thanks for his service. Thanks also to Dean Plante for a great football season.

## **Board Presentation**

Principal Reports:

**Jameson:** The schools is now several years into adopting PBIS – Positive Behaviors, Interventions, and Supports. We have added Time with Teachers where all students can earn monthly time with students and teachers with dance, arts and crafts, walking, karaoke, board games etc. The Jameson Reading Team acknowledges students who spend time reading outside of the school day. Most students in the past 6 years were recognized. Books for Bikes program founded by Paul Golzbein annual donation of bicycles was the largest this year – with 20 bicycles donated. The PTO is paying for a field trip for each of our 15 classrooms.

**K-8:** Working with Count Me In. This is a state supported advocacy group that supports at risk students, such as DHHS, Big brothers, big sisters and the like. Garbage to garden is running smoothly with a big thank you to OOB Town Councilor Malory Pastor. The Jameson and Loranger Facebook pages are up and running getting 200+ views. We

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have a K-8 wellness committee to promote healthy living with students and staff. Our schools are participating with Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, and our local food pantry to provide holiday support for our families at risk.

**Loranger:** Our Assistant Principal George Shabo and School Counselor Beth Nason lead Civil Rights Team. There are 18 students involved who attended two days of training. PTO are donating funds for a large flat screen HD TV and Apple TV for our cafeteria. They are matching funds for a new drop down screen for gymnasium stage. We had a great fall sports season with our girl's soccer teams undefeated. We have had two very successful dances for 6-8 grade with \$600-\$700 per dance raised.

**OOBHS:** Focused on increasing opportunities for communication. Coffee with the Principal will be held on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We have been working on many of the following areas with our faculty: Guided by NEASC and State Mandates, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning standards developed for k-12, Identified content area standards and performance indicators. Clear curricular goals for our students so that parents, students, teachers, can know what they need to be successful at OOB and outside of OOBHS. Grades 6-12 teachers are meeting and determining the sequence and course work necessary for students to achieve the goals of the graduation standards. Teachers are in the process of creating curriculum templates for each unit of instruction with information on standards, performance indicators, level of learning, essential questions, resources necessary, learning objectives, formative assessments, and summative assessments, as well as beginning to examine grading practices.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept the nomination of new hires: Jameson – Susan Sinnott-Curran, Loranger – Catherine Sotir and Michelle Hiltz. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Policy Committee: Existing Policies need some editing specifically with Proficiency Based Education.

Adult Ed/At-Risk - We are required to have a drop out prevention committee in place as there is a high need for our population.

Facilities – Peter Flaherty, Jay Kelley, and Lloyd Crocker will next meet on December 1 to look at Jameson school.

Emerg./Wellness/Safety – Reviewing evacuation and lockdown procedures, active shooter training, preparing emergency folders in each classroom, and revising existing policies.

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## **Executive Session**

None

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Jerome Plante to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Pam Ouellette,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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Lloyd Crocker,  
Superintendent