

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
December 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

Superintendent Lloyd Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. 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

A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Michelle Violette to nominate Carol Marcotte for the position of Chair. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to nominate Jerome Plante for the position of Vice-Chair. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept the minutes from the November 12, 2014 board meeting minutes as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Superintendent Crocker asked for the presentation on Camp Kieve to be moved from Board Presentations to after the public session in order to allow the students present to leave after the meeting and to move Adult Education presentation from Committee Reports to Board Presentations.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Camp Kieve Presentation

Loranger Middle School teacher Matt Michaud presented with the following students in regards to the week that they spent at Camp Kieve. Students Garrett Dupee, Peter Coleman, Katie Holt presented a brief snapshot of their week at Camp Kieve and what they learned while they were there.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Crocker has met with Scott Brown from the Department of Education regarding school construction. The application pool has been closed since 2010 but will

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most likely open up again in July of 2016. There are three different criteria that are looked at in terms of needs: health and safety, overcrowding, and programming. Request boards endorsement to have the facilities committee meet with architects to discuss beginning phases of what would be needed for construction. A motion was made by Jerome Plante and seconded by Michelle Violette to allow Superintendent Crocker and Peter Flaherty to speak with Oak Point Associates. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

2015-2016 Budget development schedule has been created and will be posted to the website. Superintendent Crocker will speak with Kim regarding the budget vote and validation timeline.

On December 3rd Mike Flaherty, Barbara Fletcher, and Superintendent Crocker attended a conference on Teacher Effectiveness hosted by Southern Maine Partnership. Some highlights were increased assessment literacy need, the use of classroom based assessment and not standardized testing, and pretest/posttest data to measure student growth/achievement with the use of Marshall Rubric. Will continue professional development in this area, meeting with stakeholder group, teacher evaluation committee and keep the board informed of progress.

Chairperson's Remarks

School board attended training with Maine School Management Association to highlight roles/responsibilities, strategies, and policy making. MSMA will provide additional training as needed.

Board Presentation

Adult Education: There are three areas within Fall programs – academic, vocational, and enrichment. In fall, 586 adult learners took classes. Enrichment and Vocational classes created \$36,000 in revenue, with \$12,000 of that being able to put back into the program and being able to offer all academic courses free of charge. Winter semester will offer 150 classes with many being new classes. Each semester Adult Ed tries to offer 30 new classes.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nomination of New Hire

A motion was made by Stuart Hogan and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept the nomination of new hire Kara DeCato for Guidance Counselor at Loranger Middle School. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

School Board Rep. for Negotiations of Non-Instructional Staff

A School Board member needs to be appointed to serve on the collective bargaining team for contract negotiations for non-instructional staff. This group is comprised of bus

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drivers, van drivers, transportation aid, head custodian, custodians, grounds keepers, and maintenance technicians. Board member Jerome Plante volunteered to be the representative.

Student Representative on the School Board

Previously have placed students representatives on committees. One of the areas that has not been filled yet is a Student Representative on the School Board. Requesting nomination for Abby Dubois to sit on school board as a student representative.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Jerome Plante to accept Abby Dubois as student representative on the School Board. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

At Risk Youth Committee – Meghan Ward presented that there were three former students that spoke to the committee to let them know why they are in alternative programming. Plan of action developed and areas of focus are: transitioning between 8th and 9th grade, making parents/staff aware of alternative programming, align policies with student-centered philosophy for education at the HS, and outreach for additional programs for at risk student population with focus on career pathways.

Policy Committee – Mike Flaherty reviewed that the committee went over the following areas: MSMA required policies list, Great Schools Partnership's Proficiency Based Education suggested policies, touched on Technology Policies from Drummond and Woodsum and the Maine Principals association. The Concussion Policy is being reviewed by our Athletic Trainer, Ursula Vollkommer-Haley and will be presented to committee when it is ready.

Wellness Sub-Committee – Karen Michaud presented on three of our health policies and some changes that have been made based on recommendations by Rick Matthews and Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition. Looking at the Wellness, Substance Abuse, and Tobacco policy. Rick looked at the current RSU 23 policy on Wellness and made recommendations based on Federal Requirement – Healthy Hungry Free Kids Act and 5210 Recommendations. Rick edited some of the statements in the current policy in accordance with 5210 and added Federal Requirements to the policy. The sub-committee will continue to meet and review the tobacco and substance abuse policies to have the complete by the end of the school year.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stuart Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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Minutes prepared by:

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Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Lloyd Crocker,
Superintendent