

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
October 19, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

## **Meeting Called to Order**

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Present: David Boudreau, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, Stu Hogan, Carol Marcotte, 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 21, 2017 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustment to the Agenda**

None

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Public Session.**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

John asked that the people present tonight and the board join him in a moment of silence for the loss of a Jameson teacher, Jennifer Drapeau, she was 31 years old. She went out on leave in January. He wanted to talk about this week and all that has happened with Jen. Mrs. Fletcher, Mike Flaherty, Peter Flaherty and myself attended her funeral. Condolences go out to her husband Joey, and her two daughters Bryn and Aria. Barb was great in all she did this week in dealing with the tragedy, dealing with staff, dealing with the media and I am more proud of Barb Fletcher than my words are adequate. She handled the situation better than any principal could have. Cynthia Robbins made these beautiful pins with a grey ribbon and a wooden purple heart for staff to wear.

Moving away from that on to school business. Mr. Peter Flaherty, Mrs. Cox and I attended a workshop with Drummond and Woodsum about school consolidation. It was the same workshop I attended a month ago. There are some incentives, but not much for us since we are minimal receivers. My suggestion would be to wait it out and see what others bring to the table before making moves.

Test scores at our schools were up significantly from last year. John looked at similar demographics to compare our scores with theirs and we scored higher than a lot of them. Our scores are higher than they were last year. OOB High School is up 14 % in Science, 11% in Math and 12% in English. At LMS the scores went up 17% in Science and 4% higher in both Math and English. Because we are a small district and don't have a lot of kids, taking these tests in the schools, we are subject to more of an ebb and flow. If 5 kids do not do well on the testing it makes a big difference for us. We are going to change our practices so we can get more of our kids at that proficiency level where the state wants us.

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We are developing a new website for our district. It is set for a January roll out. The board will be a part of that. We are in the process of getting photos and faculty profiles. It will be very professional and aesthetic. Dave asked if we would have an overview in the December packet to see.

## **Board Presentation**

Cierra Albert reported that October has been a busy month for the students at the high school. This past week was homecoming filled with spirit week activities. Many students participated in activities. Concert band performed the school song and to wrap up the event, class tug of war was played. OOB Boosters took part in homecoming events. October has been focused on colleges at OOB HS. Many seniors have been working effortlessly to fill out applications and meet the deadlines. Students are being exposed to different college options as well as seeing multiple reps from colleges around New England. Sophomore and Junior students took the PSAT's on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We are heading to the end of their fall sports activities. The football team has a regular season game tomorrow against Dirigo. End of the first quarter is approaching. Here's to another great month.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Peter read through the adjustments to policies IKF: High School Graduation, IKFF: Multiple Pathways, JL: Wellness and GCD-R: Recruiting, Hiring & Employment Change Procedures.

There was a discussion around the changes to the IKF Policy and if we should make the internship a graduation requirement. Dave has some reservations about making something a high school graduation requirement. Several board members attended the workshop at the high school that better explained it and they got to see the kids engaged in the program overall. They stated the workshop answered a lot of their questions. (Please refer to meeting recording for full discussion).

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept the revision to policy IKF: High School Graduation Policy as presented. Voted 4 to 1. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Stu Hogan to accept the revision to policies IKFF: Multiple Pathways, JL: Wellness and GCD-R: Recruiting, Hiring, & Employment Change Procedures as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Peter read the first readings of policies; KCD: Gifts to the Schools and DGD: Fiscal Management of Credit Cards.

## **Committee Reports**

Dave reported on the finance committee. Things are budgeted properly and people are spending within their budget. Spend your budget but not over. Good things are going on there.

Peter reported on the building committee. They met on October 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a very productive meeting. We recapped what happened so far. The Department of Education is coming November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to look at facilities, our needs and all the things we have talked about in the past. We are

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right there where we know what our needs are, but how do we roll it out to the public. John stated that the next step is to figure out how to roll out the plan with the town council.

## **Board Remarks**

Stu stated that those who got to experience Chase Walker's vision of landing planes on the beach was great and it was a beautiful day. There were thousands of people there. If it ever happened again he is going to head down closer to Scarborough. It was a great cause and vision Chase had.

Peter stated that today has been an emotional day. He was so happy that he attended the funeral and especially going on the bus. Jameson school is a special place. You could just feel it today. I didn't know Jennifer but I know her now. It was unbelievable. Today, John and myself attended a meeting at the police department with the "Age friendly community" This community is intent in including all age groups and they are going to be reaching out to all of the public. John said that he would take care of all the correspondence with the school parents and high school students that want to participate in a survey. Board will get an email from Louise Reed inviting all the board to November 20<sup>th</sup> town council meeting. All the state and federal representatives have been invited. He believes that Angus king will do the presentation.

Carol stated that she was sitting here feeling how proud she is of this town and this district. She wanted to thank the superintendent and everyone sitting here tonight. Your skills are phenomenal. Everyone in the town is just so supportive.

Michelle wanted to speak to the packets that we have had. She hasn't had a chance to hang out with Joanne, but she has heard a lot over the summer how you have been reaching out. It is nice to be in safe hands again. We have tried a couple of different models. Mr. Burke was able to tie in Charles Lindbergh in his lessons because of Chase's fundraiser. That's great!

Dave just wanted to wish the girl's soccer team good luck on Saturday and the football team tomorrow. There is a lot riding on these games. I see things not on a day-to-day basis but reading the overviews I feel like I know what is going on all the time and I see a lot of good things happening. It goes from the Superintendent all the way down to the students. I go in the schools and the students are well behaved. It's nice to be on the board seeing all these great things. He wanted people to know that he was not against the internship. It's a phenomenal program; I just take things very serious when you make it a requirement to do things. It's just my personal feeling. The good part of being on the board is that one person can give his opinion and still get things passed.

## **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Peter Flaherty to enter into executive session at 7:12 to discuss superintendent's summary evaluation.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to exit executive session at 7:46PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Carol Marcotte to accept the superintendent's summary evaluation at 7:47PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

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## Adjournment

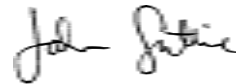
A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent