

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
March 15, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: David Boudreau, Christopher LaSalle, Stu Hogan, Cierra Albert (student rep) and Superintendent, John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Christopher LaSalle to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2018 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John stated that he is looking forward to the district budget meeting on Tuesday, April 10th right here in the chambers. That is when we will propose our budget. Our April regular board meeting has been moved to Thursday, April 26th. He wanted to talk about the snow days that we have had the last few weeks. Right now our last day is June 18th if we don't have any more snow days. If we don't have any more we will try to reach out about how we can save that day to end on Friday. He talked about security measures that we are working on in our district. Every staff member is getting 2 hours of active shooter training. We have also installed a brand new security video system at the high school that is already up and running. We plan on adding these to LMS and JES as well. We have purchased an ID badge system so that we can issue ID cards immediately upon hire. With this system now we don't have to wait until October to issue a badge to new staff. We are replacing the front doors at JES and LMS. Once these are in place we will have one door at each school that will be a badge entry doorway. Officer Ramsey will be our school resource officer moving forward. We are proud to have him on board. He has already dealt with a few issues already.

Board Presentation

The Quiz Show participants were there to get recognized. It's a great accomplishment to even qualify and go there. A certificate was presented to Jason Henry and the Maine High School Quiz Show Team. Only 16 high schools in the state of Maine even qualified. We want to congratulate them tonight.

Cierra stated that It's nice to finally be back at school after two snow days. March has been super busy for students at the high school. She wanted to congratulate all the students that were recently

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inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations as well to the extra curricular teams at the high school. Our jazz ensemble and Jazz Choir all participated in the district festival. All four groups qualified for states. Concert band will participate in the annual festival at Scarborough High School. A Blood Drive will be held tomorrow 8-1 in the gym at the High School. Island Day festivities were great. Students dressed in their best island attire. We recently held an Escape Room fundraiser and made over \$300. Thank to all that attended. Prom will be held at Dunegrass, on May 12th with a theme of Enchanted Ball. Outing Club will go on a hike in White Mountains.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Chris LaSalle and seconded by Stu Hogan to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Stu Hogan and seconded by Chris LaSalle to approve the Southern Maine Regional Service Center Interlocal Agreement as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

Dave reported out on the finance committee who not meet as a committee this past month. We have been doing budgets. We had our budget presentations to the board this year at Loranger. April 10th is when it will be presented to the public. Any questions before that I'd advise you get in touch with the superintendent. We are in great shape this year's budget. We hopefully will go to the town with a 0% increase. I do have an overview of the positions and what is going on. Finance mtg. next month. We are out to bid for printers, copiers, that kind of stuff. We should see some savings on that.

John reported out on the building committee. The next meeting will be in April. Hopefully at that point in time we will have heard from the DOE about new construction. If not we will start with community input on how to move forward.

Policy committee was postponed because of snow.

Chris reported out on Technology and his first subcommittee meeting that got canceled because of the snowstorm.

John reported out on the strategic planning which is scheduled to meet March 20th. Their next steps are to review draft of mission statement, format work and action steps. Set a date for the final presentation of the strategic plan to the school board.

Board Remarks

Peter wanted to congratulate all the high school students that participated in the support of the Florida shootings and the "Walk-in". Out of tragedy comes great things.

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Chris wanted to say congratulations to the quiz show and national honor society inductees. Thank you to the students for coming out tonight. He went to the Escape room fundraiser and had a blast. It was really fun.

Stu wanted to say thank you to the students for coming out tonight, in honor of your quiz show. Excited to hear that and glad for you. Now that it is day light savings time we can now keep our smile on our face all day long now.

Cierra wanted to congratulate all the winter sports and activities. There has been a lot going on and amazing to see how many students are involved in the activities.

Dave stated he was at the school today during the walk-in. He wanted to congratulate the students. Couldn't have asked for a more behaved situation. They didn't feel pressured to do something they shouldn't be doing and then business as usual after that. It's the time of year for senior scholarships. You need to fill out a packet from guidance. If you don't fill out an application you can't get one. Last year we gave out \$70,000 and there are 75 students graduating this year.

Update on the Website – Eric stated that it was similar to school calendar it is in draft form. We have weekly based meetings with them. Thank you to Donna Stearns and Marc Ballenger for sequestering themselves in their offices and taking everything we have and transferring it over to the new website. We are currently in the mix of that. We will go live soon.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris LaSalle and seconded by Stu Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent