

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
March 28, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Present: David Boudreau, Michelle Violette, 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 Carol Marcotte to accept the minutes from the February 28, 2019 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Table the approval of the 2019-2020 School Calendar. Just calendar presentation tonight.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John stated that there are a couple of cool things going on in our district. The police officers are coming to the schools to have lunch with our students in our buildings. Caroline has set up lunch accounts for them. The Police love it, and kids love it. It is exciting to us to expose our kids to friendly officers and they are people they can trust. Winter guard (LMS/Maine Attraction) hosted 10 winter guard teams and 2 percussion groups last Sunday at OOB high school. It was a rousing success. They did an amazing job with the presentation. Congratulations to winter guard and Maine Attraction on a great job. LMS is putting on a play (Alice & Wonderland) as we speak and they will be having a performance tomorrow for the little kids. Tuesday April 9th John will be presenting the proposed budget. Once the budget is presented there will be time for public comments. We have a month to make adjustments before the vote in June.

Board Presentation

Barb Fletcher got up and spoke of the progress on the LMS schedule change. She stated they polled the parents and only got a handful of people to respond. The board stated that they would like to hold a public forum with the parents before they make any decisions regarding the matter.

Eric Hanson and Michelle Violette presented the 2019-2020 proposed RSU 23 calendar. The board will review and reach out with any questions.

Hannah LaCourse spoke how this month has been very successful at the high school for our music program. Trevor Grenier was awarded a prestigious award. The blood drive done by the interact club was extremely successful. 60 lives could be saved from the blood that was drawn. Spring sports have started practices this week.

Old Business

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None

New Business

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Carol Marcotte to approve the following policies: BBAB: School Board Self-Evaluation, BCA: Board Member Code of Ethics, BDD: Board/Superintendent relationship, BEA: School Board use of Electronic Mail, and KE: Public Concerns and Complaints as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Carol Marcotte and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve board ratification of the instructional & noninstructional support staff contract. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Dave reported on the finance committee. We did not meet formally. We have been doing the budget workshops so we have been using that to get the budget finished. Once the budget stuff is complete we will go back to meeting as a finance committee.

John reported on the building committee. We did not meet last month. Trying to get costs of roof repair. Once we know that Mark will report out. Met with state representative Lori Gramlich and she has asked me several times to get together and discuss priorities. I asked her to contact the DOE construction folks and find out what the process will be. She promised she would be diligent and contact the construction folks.

Pam reported on the technology committee. They did meet this week and talked about E-rate project that will be going on this summer, which is Wifi at LMS, small piece at JES and piece at HS. They talked about end of school year and what the collection process will be for all the devices. We are going to put together more of a plan for next month.

Board Remarks

Dave stated that it's been an interesting and challenging month with some issues. Thank you to everyone that has been involved in these challenges and their work with them. You handled them very professionally including students, parents, staff and administrators. It is very refreshing to see how we handle things. He reiterated for the public to come to the forum on the 9th. He has had a lot of calls and questions about things and he would like them to partake in the presentation and ask those questions. If you can't make the meeting reach out to the superintendent or myself and we will help to answer them. Lastly, this came up once last year. People have opinions, things happen, we get letters and if they are not signed, it's not that important therefore we will not address them. It was a pretty disturbing letter complaining without facts and he would like to know who it was so we could discuss it with them and be able to address the issues. His instruction to the board is that if they get an anonymous letter throw it away.

Carol stated that throughout the year she has been going into the schools. She has pretty much entered every classroom in this district. There are great things going on in this district. She saw some things that staff have to deal with in their every day lives. There will be a free dental screening at JES with UNE students and they will help with this process. She is going to the play tomorrow at LMS.

Michelle stated that she wanted to stress again a shout out to Mr. Beaudoin for how clean the school was after the color guard show. All the volunteers help tremendously with cleanup. Thank you Hannah

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for bringing up the high school, but also about LMS jazz band placing and receiving a bronze medal, which is the highest in their category. Thank you to everyone for their work in the negotiations process.

Executive Session

None

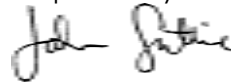
Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Carol Marcotte to adjourn the meeting at 6:45PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent