

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
May 16, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

David Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: David Boudreau, Peter Flaherty, Michelle Violette, Chris LaSalle, and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Chris LaSalle to accept the minutes from the April 25, 2019 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add approval of Teacher Contract
Adjust Jen MacDonald's probationary to level 3

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

John stated he has gotten a few resignations from employees in the past few months, Nancy Smith, psychologist, Carrie Hutchings, instructional strategist, Jenah Newman, Speech Pathologist, Sarah Welch, speech pathologist, Robert Duane, special education teacher, and Christina O'Neill, regular ed teacher. He would like to thank everyone involved in the negotiation of the teacher contract and all the work that was done to complete that. If ratified tonight teachers will get back pay. Report to the public, next Thursday, May 23rd, there is a senior dinner for people 50+ at the Loranger cafeteria that is being prepared by the food service staff and served by administration. He would like to make this a tradition so we can get to know the public and they can get to know us. Anyone interested in attending please RSVP. Lastly, He wants to give public information on changes to the school budget. As a results of our regional budget meeting on Tuesday night, the special education budget line was increased by an amendment by \$210,000, which will increase 6.6% increase from last year. The ask for the taxpayers will increase from a 3% budget to a 4.5% budget.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve the probationary teachers as listed. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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A motion was made by Chris LaSalle and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve new hires; Jim Babcock, psychologist and Shannon Sampson, instructional strategist. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Chris LaSalle to ratify the collective bargaining agreement between the educational association as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Dave reported on the finance committee. We did not meet formally. Going to meet next month to see how the budget passes and then make adjustments accordingly.

Peter reported on the building committee. We have not met. We are waiting for the budget to pass and we will start talking about roof work.

Chris reported on the technology committee. Did not meet. Tech team is getting ready for the collection of all devices.

Board Remarks

Dave wanted to thank everyone for the budget process. He appreciates all the hard work everyone has done throughout this process. He was unable to attend on Tuesday because of work. The public decided to add money to the special education budget but he knows the I said I was going to keep an eye on the special ed department so that services are not going backwards. I hope that we monitor that on a monthly basis. I am hoping that the money can be utilized where it needs to. I will be anxious to see where that is going and how we track that. In June we have the final vote with the town and until they vote that in we will finalize it. Congratulations to the seniors who will graduate before our next meeting. I look forward to handing out the diplomas. Enjoy what you have because be careful what you wish for.

Chris congratulated the probationary teachers and wanted to thank everyone again, both staff, administration and public that participated in the budget process this year. We got an invite to the internship presentation. Looking forward to that.

Michelle wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the budget process also the public. It was a learning curve for all but she is appreciative of the conversations. To paraphrase Barb Fletcher in one of her memos, I can't believe it is winding down and winding up at the same time. I want to thank our teachers, students, and staff for putting their best foot forward with their work in the district. Mike Flaherty and Sue Gallant have created a childcare survey. The basis of it is to assess our childcare needs where maybe rec is not a fit or financial situation may not be possible.

Peter: Wanted to thank Hannah for being our student representative on the board. She did a great job.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

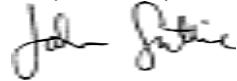
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A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 6:19PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent