

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
June 20, 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, and Superintendent John Suttie.

## *The Pledge of Allegiance was recited*

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2019 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## Adjustment to the Agenda

Add nomination of Jameson Elementary School Dean of Students, Jason Barriault.

## Correspondence

None

## Public Session

Terri O'Donnell got up with some questions around new jobs postings. She stated she was glad the budget passed and school year will start off with new hires. That was nice to see. I just had some questions. I looked at the byline as far as what was proposed as new positions. I noticed with Jameson that it wasn't listed but it is on serving schools as the new position. That was not a proposed position. What is it? Dave stated the positions change but the \$\$ factors in. John stated a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher resigned and they took a look at the numbers. We can fill Christina's position or we could slide a K teacher up to 1<sup>st</sup> grade and use that to hire a dean of students. Staff voted unanimously to hire dean of students. Terri asked if the behavior strategist was without being under sped. With that being said I didn't see the behavior ed tech at Jameson anymore. John stated that in lieu of the ed tech they will get the dean. Terri said so there is also a BCBA; so at Jameson alone there will be a BCBA, dean of students, social worker and two sped positions added; 2 teacher position.

## Superintendent's Report

John talked about the summer feeding program being provided by RSU 23. All kids under the age of 18 can eat free breakfast and lunch at LMS. Tues – Friday it is also provided at Libby Library. Resignations and retirements, Grace Mclean – 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher, Natasha Jordan, pre-school teacher and Barb Fletcher, principal, Jim Pirrello, ed tech, Donna Mousatsous ed tech, and Margaret Hopkins, .6 music teacher. Hiring process is going well, we have a great pool of applicants. We are hiring a couple of classroom teachers as well as LMS principal. Maintenance season has started at our schools and Mark Beaudoin and his crew are working hard to repair and clean everything. This is the time of year our custodians work hard in the heat. We appreciate everything they do. Summer professional development is getting under way. We have great things going on to enhance their classroom experiences. Summer school at OOB HS is under way and we have had almost 100% of attendance. Want to thank everyone on our staff for a great school year. We had a lot of growth. We have done some amazing things with our math program. Very successful year for OOB schools

## Board Presentation

None

## Old Business

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None

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Dave Boudreau to approve new hire, Jameson Dean of Students, Jason Barriault. Voted 2-1. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the proposed 2019-2020 stipend list as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to certify the election results. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

## **Accept/Certify Election Results:**

“CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET VOTE: “THE RESULTS OF THE RSU 23 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM: ARTICLE 1: YES: 298, No: 230” \*\*DENOTES THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE RESPECTIVE QUESTION AND CONSEQUENTLY THE SUCCESSFUL REFERENDUM RESULT FOR THAT QUESTION.

VOTED that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 11, 2019 and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved. FURTHER VOTED that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 23 (the “Regional School Unit”). FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to the Municipal Clerk within the Regional School Unit.

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to certify Question 2 to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 23 for an additional three (3) years, which was voted Yes: 379, No: 143. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Dave reported on the finance committee. We did not meet due to the budget being voted on.

Peter reported on the building committee. Mark and his crew are already at work with his projects. The goal is to have the roofs finished before school starts.

## **Board Remarks**

Peter wanted to comment on the summer feeding program. It is awesome and so needed in all communities. There was a nice article in the paper about York county feeding programs. It will be a life saver to a lot of kids. Also, I want to thank all of the people that will be serving and have already served. This year we have an unusual amount of hiring to do.

Dave wanted to thank the superintendent and staff for inviting him to give out the diplomas this year. That is one of my highlights of being on the board, so thank you for that. No meeting in July unless

something comes up. If there is an emergency the superintendent will contact me and I will notify everyone else. When I started four years ago and John Suttie started a year after that. Our financial state was not where I thought it was. Our bond rate is a C and a C is like having a credit rating of 500. With a lot of decision making and a lot of budgeting we went from a C to an AA. We should all be very happy with that. For planning purposes, if we wanted a new school, and the state came to us and told us our time was up, any bank would die to do business with us.

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Michelle wanted to thank everyone for going out and voting. Thank you to everyone including superintendent, teachers, and staff, for all their hard work.

## **Executive Session**

None

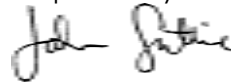
## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent