

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall (Virtual Meeting) on  
May 21, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

Dave Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Dave Boudreau, Peter Flaherty, Christopher LaSalle, Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, and Superintendent John Suttie.

Title 37B Statement was read by Dave Boudreau and roll call taken.

## ***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited***

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept the minutes from the April 16, 2020 board meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustment to the Agenda**

Add Approval of Amended COVID-19 RSU #23 20-21 Budget

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Public Session**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie stated that there is a lot going on in the world of education these days. He would like to make his comments brief, as they are all issues we will have to work through in the future. The governor has declared that we are allowed to continue to deliver food to families as well as sights where they can be picked up through the summer. He did give an update on Parks and Rec, Sports and return to school ideas based on the latest CDC guidelines. We have been doing a lot of work on these the last couple of weeks as things keep changing. There are five things we need to do in order to get back in school in a brick and mortar type situation. Adequate masks, maintain social distancing, and disinfectant on sight. We may be able to have summer rec this summer. We had a great meeting today and they have a detailed plan to work through. As far as starting school in the fall, it is an ever-changing situation but is incumbent on us to put scenarios together that meet the guidelines in order to return to school. There may be decisions made that we don't return in September but nonetheless the obstacles in place will need to be addressed before this starts. It is in the forefront of our mind as to how in the world we can do this and keep everyone safe. OOB high school graduation is going to be on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. It will be part virtual and part diploma pick up. We are doing recorded speeches on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our teachers have already gathered to do some things for our students. We have someone editing this so that our students will have a great ceremony.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Old Business**

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None

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Christopher LaSalle to approve RSU #23's Probationary II, III, & Continuing Teachers as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Christopher LaSalle and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve RSU #23's Team Leader Job Description as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Christopher LaSalle and seconded by Michelle Violette to opt out of the LD 577 ACT as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to approve RSU #23's 2020-2021 amended COVID-19 budget (budget decreased to help Town of OOB) as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Technology committee: Chris reported out on the technology committee. We met this week. There is a lot of discussion going on right now on how we are going to collect devices at the end of the year and deployment for next year. We will have a notification sent out to parents by June 5<sup>th</sup> as to what our plan is going to be. We are putting together a new technology website under RSU23.org. Right now, technology stuff is all over the website. We plan to centralize it so it's all in the same place.

Finance committee: Dave reported out on the finance committee that met this week. We met regarding adjusting the budget to help the town. Thank you for moving forward with this and taking care of business.

Building committee: Peter reported out on the building committee. We did meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> and tree cutting was discussed. Mark is working on that right now. We have had a few trees that fell last year and a few of them needed to come down.

## **Board Remarks**

Sally stated she just wants to really thank all of the staff and volunteers that have put together this wonderful graduation ceremony this year. Very creative and it will be a great memory for them. There was a lot of work that went into that.

Michelle stated the same sentiments as Sally. She wanted to thank everyone and thank Chairman Boudreau and the administration as she thinks this a "build the plane as you are flying and you have done a really good job taking into considerations from the Maine CDC, National CDC and commissioner Makin. I don't think people realize how often you guys are on phone calls or how many hours you are spending working on things." She is appreciative of it.

Peter stated that he would like to echo what Sally said. It's so awesome. We are lucky it is a small class and made it doable. Congratulations to all the parents, siblings, and volunteers that have been

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working alongside our teachers that are doing the online learning. It reminds you that teacher's work is pretty darn hard to accomplish.

Chris stated he wanted to say thank you to the administration and staff for all the work they have been doing to keep the kids learning remotely. I know it is a ton of work and continues to be. Congratulations to the class of 2020. You will be experiencing one of the most unique graduations that has happened ever. I hope you will be happy with the virtual ceremony put together. I know the advanced placement exams are going on right now. Good luck to those students who haven't taken them yet and congrats to the ones that have already taken them. I know those are a lot of work.

Dave stated that he wanted to say thank you to the staff, parents, kids and everyone involved in what normal learning is right now. Food service, you have gone above and beyond with what you have been doing. I have been meeting with the State chairs and vice chairs talking about what is going on and how they react to changes. Some districts have similar challenges and others have greater challenges. It is very informative. Thank you to everyone for the scholarships that go out annually. It is phenomenal. It's around \$70,000. I am happy with the way that John can make this happen where I can hand out the diplomas to all the students. I am looking forward to that and we will make the best of it.

## **Adjournment**

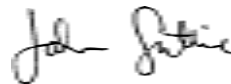
A motion was made by Christopher LaSalle and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent