

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall (Virtual Meeting) on February 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

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

Roll Call: Peter Flaherty, Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau

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 January 21, 2021 and January 28, 2021 meetings as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

Adjustments to the Agenda

Add Executive Session per 1M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(d) labor & negotiations

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie stated he had a few things. We had our first budget meeting on Tuesday and did not receive any questions from the public. We will monitor that address vigilantly to make sure we answer any questions people may have. The board does have the right to schedule additional budget workshops if they feel it's necessary. Winter athletics and band have gotten back to a certain state of normalcy. They are getting back to playing in both ice hockey and basketball. The band is also starting to play. Eric and I had the opportunity to walk into the IA room, which is where they are practicing. They are doing a great job with masks and coverings on the instruments. Just to hear the music playing again in the hallways was an affirmation that there is some normalcy back in our lives. Regarding vaccinations, we are still waiting for the go ahead from the State as to when we will be able get our teachers and staff vaccinated. It's looking like a May date for that at this point. It keeps getting pushed back. I advised our staff if they have the opportunity to get it somewhere else, they should take it. As soon as I hear something about when they will get released, I will let the public know. I would like to give our technology team a shout out. We had some tech problems over the vacation that not many people knew about. Pam Pothier and her team had to do additional work to get things back up and running. They have also been deploying devices this week, which has gone smoothly. They deserve a lot of credit for going above and beyond for getting these things done. Touchless bathrooms are all installed in all of our buildings. Congrats to Rob and his team for making that happen.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

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New Business

Peter Flaherty read 1st readings of policies; IGA: Curriculum Development & Adoption (Revised) and KDB: Public's Right to Now/Freedom of Information

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave stated that they met today to go over a few things. I want to review the status of our CRF grants. CRF-1 is completed as well as CRF-2. The ESSR grant has about \$112,000 left, which will be spent shortly. We have another application in for the next round of grants so I will let you know if we receive anything from that. We just briefly talked about our budget workshop and the other thing I am asking now is that I would like to propose another budget workshop to review anything else that came up. How would March 15th at 6:00-7:00 work for everyone?

Building: Peter stated they met with the committee on February 3rd and Rob along with superintendent directed that meeting. Two days prior to our meeting he had a heating issue at LMS and had to cancel school. Siemens is pricing out a warning system for the controls for all three schools. This could cost up to \$30,000. We have Bailey signs that is doing work for the new signs we will see at Loranger and the High School. The touchless towel dispensers are all in. The two Pavilions that will be located at the high school and between LMS & JES, they are hoping to break ground in March and hope to be done by April. Rob is working with vendors to get quotes on several projects going on in the schools.

Technology: Donna stated the committee did not meet this month. I don't have anything to report out.

Board Remarks

Peter stated he wanted to congratulate Shani Plante again for making the MacDonald's All Star team and Ryan Crockett as well. It is great to be able to look in the paper and see basketball results. He knows that we have some kids involved with the Cheverus hockey team as well.

Sally stated that it makes her happy to hear music is being played and kids are getting out to play with their teammates. All staff should be very proud that we are one of very few districts that has our kids in person four days a week. Thank you all for what you are doing.

Donna stated that in recognition of Black History Month she wanted to take a moment to recognize a well-known OOB citizen, teacher, town councilor and the famous guest house located on Portland Avenue in Old Orchard. She gave some history behind the story of E. Emerson Cummings and his family. She stated that she had the privilege of having E. Emerson Cummings as her teacher in high school. As an Old Orchard Beach teacher and town councilor she thought it fitting to remember him and the important historical role he and his family played particularly as it relates to African American history in Old Orchard Beach.

Michelle stated ditto what the other board members said in she is so glad that we are playing athletics and band. She is glad that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is coming on as our teachers need to be vaccinated. Take care and thank you all for what you are doing.

Dave stated everyone is working extremely hard to make our kids safe. He is disappointed in the governor for not making teachers a priority for the vaccine. They are front line workers. It will happen

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when it happens. Everything is going well. The budget workshop was good and everyone was informative. Hopefully we can move through this and go on to another year. Thank you everyone.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 6:33PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Executive Session

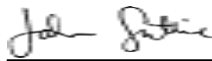
Entered Executive Session at 6:33PM per 1M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(d) labor & negotiations with no action.

A motion was made by Donna Mousatsous and seconded by Michelle Violette to exit Executive Session at 7:16PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent