

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall (Virtual Meeting) on  
May 20, 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, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos & David Boudreau

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos & David Boudreau)

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Add Nomination of new hire Katherine Gagnon; District Nurse

## **Correspondence**

Retirement – Dawn Poisson

Letter of Resignation – Jason Dionne

## **Public Session: Remote Public Hearing**

Dave asked if there were any questions or comments on the budget from the public. There were none. Dave proceeded to ask the public if anyone wanted to address the board regarding the proposed budget. No response. He then asked if any member of the public had comments or referendum questions. There were none. The hearing closed and Dave encouraged everyone to go vote.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie stated he wanted to let the public know that graduation has been moved back to the Seaside Pavilion on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. It is going to look like a very traditional ceremony and we look forward to that. If you drive by Loranger and Jameson you will see the pavilion going up slow but sure. We started Pre-K and K registration yesterday and registered 16 students. Good experiences had by all. We had a staff member whose child was going into Pre-k and they wanted to share what a great process it was. The staff took their time, and made her feel calm and well treated. Congrats to the Jameson staff on that. Last night we held a National Honor Society Induction where we inducted 4 members into the club. The last student day is Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and that will be a ½ student day. It is coming upon us fast and furious. I know I have a lot of staff that are looking forward to it because of the last few months. We are looking forward to all the end of year things that we missed out on last year. We are all thrilled to be able to hold all these events once again.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Old Business**

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None

## **New Business**

Peter Flaherty read first reading of Policy; JL: Wellness Policy (Update)

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept probationary II Teachers at OOB High School: Thomas Offit, Natalie Skovran and Rebecca Nyanutse. Probationary III Teachers at Jameson School: Dawn Hall, Jason Barriault, Rachel Hatem, Kalina Dodier, Kaylen Beary and Katherine LaCase; Loranger School: Lisa Spencer, Shannon Sampson and Kelly Pelletier; and OOB High School: Michael Brennan. Continuing Teachers at Jameson School: Sarah Jenkins and Jessica DuPerre; Loranger School: Anne Stack, Melissa West and Nicole Arey; and OOB High School: Gwyneth Maguire, Jonathan Spath, Alexandra Kantro, Andrea Johnson, Sarah Burnham, and Robert Ganley. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to accept nominees Irene Brackett – High School Math Teacher, Nathan Madeira- High School Math Teacher and Katherine Gagnon- District Nurse as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: Dave stated that they did not meet today, however, we have had a very busy couple of weeks with negotiations and I'd like to tell you after last night we believe we have a tentative agreement with the teachers and I hope to be signing the last pieces tomorrow. If ratified we should be able to vote on the new contract at our next meeting. It was really nice negotiations. Actually a little fun and not as stressful as in the past and I thank Mark and his team for working with us. We are currently meeting with the support staff. We are very early on right now. We have only met twice so far. It is very early on and I hope to report back in June.

Building: Donna stated that we had a pretty long meeting. I have a lot of information to share. The Jameson and Loranger Pavilion is moving along and will be up and running in a couple of weeks. We are having some sidewalks and paving projects at Jameson. Loranger driveway is being paved. Grub control going on at Loranger. All fields are being aerated as regular maintenance. They are putting on finishing touches with spreading mulch around all signs. Repairs were done to the 3-5 wing just above the front window. It was a safety project as well as cosmetic. Heating controls are on going. All temperatures are going to be monitored online so we shouldn't have any problems with no heat in the building. As soon as school ends they are going to start a project in the home economic room to replace the flooring. The Loranger and Jameson kitchen roof repair will be paid for with this year's budget. The high school roof is coming out of Texas and a lot of the materials are delayed due to the events happening the last six months. \$325,800 is the price tag for the repair for the high school roof. We have purchased district radios. All the new radios in the district are up and running. There are many channels so that everyone can have their own channels.

Technology: Donna stated they did not have a meeting this month. They are focusing on collecting devices from all the students and moving into summer mode.

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## Board Remarks

Sally stated she wants to thank everyone; the entire staff for all you have done this year keeping our kids in school 4 days a week. It has been an amazing thing to see and now they are out playing sports.

Peter stated it's hard to beat that. Sally is absolutely right. We have about 2 ½ weeks of school before everyone is on summer vacation and boy do they need it. Wish them a restful down time and get their head on straight and maybe in September things will be normal, whatever that is.

Donna stated she feels the same way Sally does and would like to thank everyone. I know it has been a crazy year. I am so glad I retired when I did because I don't think I would have survived working this year. I am really glad the seniors get to have their graduation at the Pavilion. I want to thank everyone who got their vaccination. I hope more people step up and do that so we can be back to normal in September. Thank you to teachers and administrators. I think we should recognize our school nurses.

Michelle stated what an amazing job for such a trying time. Staff, administrators, students, parents, and community. It is nice to kind of feel a relief coming. I hope as a nation and community we realize what place schools hold. I am very thankful of the ingenuity. I want to congratulate our seniors and our outgoing staff. When you are a retired educator you never get the credit you deserve. I thank you for your service. I think that Prom went well. It is so nice to see these things coming back. See everyone at graduation and vote on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dave stated he wants to thank everyone for what they have done this year. It was a hell of a year going through what we have gone through. We are coming out of it better than most. We have a little less than a month left. Enjoy your summer, relax and don't think of anything until you come back. It is so refreshing seeing the kids playing on the fields. Thanks for all the work on the budget. Go vote in June. I think it's a great budget. I am so thrilled about graduation going back to the Seaside Pavilion. I enjoy handing out the diplomas to kids.

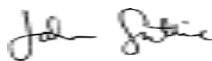
## Adjournment

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:38PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent