

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall (Virtual Meeting) on June 17, 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: Donna Moutsatsos, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty & David Boudreau

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Michelle Violette to accept the minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos & David Boudreau)

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session: Remote Public Hearing

Mark Knowles wanted to say a few things. He stated that he would like to thank every teacher that worked tirelessly this year. Many teachers were about as dedicated as any teacher could be. I would just like to thank all the teachers and the ed techs for all their hard work this year. I would also like to thank the board in working with us to get a contract settled. It's not always easy but we worked together to get a contract put together. I would also like to recognize all our retirees. All of them have gone the extra mile year after year really knowing this community. Congratulations to Marlene Day, Karen Michaud, George Shabo, Dawn Poison and Deb Evans. It is no small feat when someone retires. As a president of the teacher association I have the ability to get to know each and every teacher. These teachers have gone above and beyond the call of duty for many years. I am grateful for their service to Old Orchard Beach. I would like to thank John and Eric for working collaboratively with this association this year right from the beginning of the year. It was a great collaborative work. I am grateful for their leadership. We got through it and we are hopefully ready to roll up our sleeves and get back to work next year. Have a great summer!

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie stated that although it was a difficult year, I think we really worked together well, putting the needs of our children first. We had a successful close to the school year. We had a little speed bump the Tuesday before the last day because of a heat day. It made very little sense with the temperature and people having to wear masks to make them come to school. We were able to have celebrations at all three schools and honor our retirees. They all got a rocking chair with the school logo and their name on it. The prom and end of year celebrations were able to happen without any issues. As of June 30th, the governor is lifting all guidelines on schools. We have not met as a group to think about what that will look like for next year as of yet. We will have to take a look at that and see what is

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best for OOB. It doesn't mean the virus has gone away. Some unvaccinated students may still get it and people may have to be quarantined. As far as summer, OOB summer school has gotten off to a four-day start. Thank you to Jackie for kicking that off. We are utilizing COVID relief funds for several students to attend Summer Rec this summer for students that may not be able to afford it. We had a successful 2nd vaccine day where 60 of our students received their 2nd vaccination. There is another clinic going this week on Milliken Street. There will be fixing, painting, moving and cleaning all three of our buildings. There is a full slate of summer projects that will be undertaken. Lastly, OOB will have universal Pre-K next year. OOB is one of the only, if not the only, universal Pre-K in Maine meaning every OOB student can attend at no cost. This is our first fall that we will have 3 pre-k classrooms. We are looking forward to having more kids. Our test scores in Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grades are above those that are unable to go to Pre-K.

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to ratify the RSU 23 Instructional & Non-Instructional Support Staff 2021-2024 Contract as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Peter Flaherty, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Michelle Violette to ratify the RSU 23 Teacher 2021-2024 Contract as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Donna Moutsatsos, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to approve the proposed 2021-2022 Stipend list as presented. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Donna Moutsatsos, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to certify the election results. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call; Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

Accept/Certify Election Results:

"CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET VOTE: "THE RESULTS OF THE RSU 23 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM: ARTICLE 1: YES: 138, NO: 54; ARTICLE 2: YES: 150, NO: 40; ARTICLE 3: YES: 141, NO: 49; & ARTICLE 4: YES: 154, NO: 36;" **DENOTES THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE RESPECTIVE QUESTIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY THE SUCCESSFUL REFERENDUM RESULTS FOR THOSE QUESTIONS.

VOTED that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 9, 2021 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. FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to the Municipal Clerk within the Regional School Unit.

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A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept nominee Jacqueline Hayes as Loranger Memorial School Dean of Students as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to declare the increase in building materials and quote for OOB High School roof repair due to the unforeseen current economic conditions, constitute an emergency need; and to expend the sum of up to \$85,000.00 from the emergency contingency fund for the OOB High School roof repair. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty & David Boudreau).

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave stated the finance committee did not meet. We just finalized the contracts and everyone got an update from Cindy where we are with the budget.

Building: Peter stated they did not meet this past month but he did want to report that the Pavilion between Jameson and Loranger is going up pretty well. It finally has a roof on it. The second one is probably going to be built this summer but not sure.

Technology: Donna stated they did not have a meeting this month. She has nothing to report.

Board Remarks

Sally stated the Pre-K program is such an awesome thing and gives those kids such a great head start. Welcome to retirement life to all of those that retired this year. Our teacher pensions are wonderful and you are going to enjoy it immensely. To all the other staff, have a well-deserved summer vacation and spend as much time with your family and friends as you can.

Michelle stated once again thank you to everyone in the district this year for all your hard work. She thanks Dave, Sally, John and Eric and everybody at the table for negotiations going so quickly and smoothly. She is so excited about universal Pre-K. That's awesome. Have a much deserved, nice relaxing summer everyone.

Peter stated he would like to echo the sentiments about Pre-K. It is such a great program and we are kind of leaders in that category. He wanted to mention the four retirees we have. According to his numbers they equal 140+ years all in Old Orchard Beach. That is very impressive. Unfortunately, we are losing four very good members. I wish them the best of luck. Wish all the teachers a restful summer. One other thing is that he doesn't think there was an administrator in the State of Maine that had a summer last year. It was just impossible with all the preparation that had to go into starting school. He hopes these men and women can take at least 3-4 weeks without thinking about school. They deserve it.

Donna stated there is never anything for her to say because they all say it before her. She also appreciates everything that the administration and teachers did day in and day out. She can't even imagine what they have been through. Have a great summer and we will see you in September or August.

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Dave stated he wants to thank everyone for working so hard this past year. It was not easy. From the students, the parents to the staff and board members. I know everyone was involved in making decisions to make sure our RSU 23 family is safe. Hopefully this is the worst you have to go through in your career. It was also great to be there at graduation to give out the diplomas this year. It was great to see everyone back at the Pavilion. The kids were excited to be there. The same reasons Peter stated with administrators having a rough summer last year, unless there is an emergency, we will not have a July meeting.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Peter Flaherty to enter executive session at 6:45 to consider the compensation of officials/appointees/employees pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A). Voted 4-1. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Donna Moutsatsos, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty – Nay, David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Peter Flaherty to exit executive session at 7:25 and return to public session. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Donna Moutsatsos, Michelle Violette, Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, David Boudreau)

Adjournment

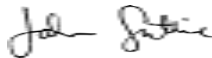
A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Michelle Violette to pay \$6,000.00 each to recent retirees: Karen Michaud, George Shabo, Marlene Day and Dawn Poisson. Voted 3-1. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty and Michelle Violette- Yes with Sally Beatty – Nay, David Boudreau – Did Not Vote)

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent