

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall (Virtual Meeting) on August 19, 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: Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, 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 June 17, 2021 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

Adjustments to the Agenda

Add nomination of new hires Ashley Peterson- 1st grade Teacher and Kelly Beres- High School Science Teacher.

Move public session to after the board presentation of Return to School Plan.

Correspondence

John Suttie informed the board he received resignations from Mark Oliver, Sarah Jenkins, Morgan Johnson, Megan Huckins, and Jason Henry. Lynne Gierie, Robert Gierie and Maureen Butler retired.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie stated that there is a lot going on. He has a couple of items. First thing, he would like to give a shout out to Sue Gallant and the pre-k folks. We currently have 41 pre-k students registered at this point. This is the most we have ever had and we have had to open a 3rd classroom. The State continues to praise our pre-k program stating it's one of the premier programs in the State. All of that is thanks to our amazing staff and the work they have done. We have been focusing on our return to school. He stated he would like to thank maintenance, custodians, food service folks, bus drivers, and administrative assistants who have all been working through the summer to make things ready to go. We have been thrown a curveball recently with the Delta variant and needed to pivot with those new guidelines. Lastly is food service, I would like to report out that we need some help from the public. Now that everyone is receiving free lunch, we still need people to fill out the free and reduce applications in order to receive funding for the district. We must maintain a free/reduced percentage of at least 45% to receive the funding. It is imperative we get complete applications. A link can be found at the top of the website as well as paper copies at each of the buildings. Anyone that fills one out by September 3rd, will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three Hannaford gift cards at \$250, \$150, and \$100.

Board Presentation

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Superintendent Suttie presented the RSU 23's 2021-2022 Return to School Plan to the Board & Public. (Please see video online for entire presentation).

Public Session:

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to approve RSU 23's 2021-2022 return to school plan as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Peter Flaherty, Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, & David Boudreau)

Peter Flaherty did the 1st reading of policy BED: Remote Participation in School Board Meetings

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Michelle Violette to approve policy JL: Wellness Policy as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept nominees; Lynne Sansonetti as 2nd grade teacher, Ashley Peterson as 1st grade teacher, Haley Plante as 1st grade Long Term Sub Teacher, Kaleigh Knox as 6th grade science teacher, Heather Larrabee as 3-5 FLS/FA teacher, Brooks Bowen as 7-12 Industrial Arts/Technology education teacher, Melissa Denick as 9-12 behavior teacher, Alisha Gagnon as .40 speech & language pathologist, Paul Santamore as OOB HS school counselor, and Kelly Beres as OOB HS science teacher as presented. Voted Unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call: Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, Sally Beatty, Michelle Violette, & David Boudreau)

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the Accounts Payable/Central Office Administrative Assistant and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent job descriptions as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved. (Roll Call; Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, & David Boudreau)

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave stated that the committee met this morning. We reviewed last year's final numbers. Nothing is official. The auditors are in this week and until they can give us their final blessing, we should be all set with that. We reviewed all the purchases for ESSER grants I & II that we all know about. The ESSER 3 grant looks like we will get 1.8 million. John and his team are going through it to see what we need that qualifies under it. At the next finance committee meeting, we will be presented the list of projects and we will be voting on it.

Building: Peter stated that they did meet on August 4th. Rob gave us a summary of what has been going on and what needs to happen. First, he praised his crew because the schools are looking great. They worked hard this summer. Cable and Wi-Fi will be installed in the Pavilion. They got paving done and the curbing done at Jameson. There is a new core irrigator for the fields, which is great.

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Landscaping has been completed around the signs and trees. The huge oak tree at the white house is gone. A bathroom at the high school in the nurse's office has been added. A specialized swing at Jameson has been added. The heating system with controls in all buildings have been added and there is a warning system now. Loranger and Jameson kitchen roofs have been completed. Long range projects are cameras at all three schools. The Loranger trim needs to be replaced in the fall. All windows at the high school will be replaced, Loranger kitchen windows and there will be roof repair at the high school.

Technology: Donna stated the committee met this month and Pam is putting together a first day plan to get students their devices. They are trying to get students to sign up for an insurance policy. They are trying to give an incentive to help families sign up or ways to help families that cannot pay for it. That is a campaign that is ongoing. Students will no longer be able to use their personal devices to connect to the school Wi-Fi. They will have their school devices connect automatically to the school Wi-Fi. All Chromebooks are in the disabled state and they will be enabled when they are reassigned. There is a lot of work to do to get those computers back, cleaned up and get them back to students.

Board Remarks

Donna stated she is excited for everyone to get back to school mainly because she does not have to, but she knows a lot of hard work has gone into the planning and appreciates that. Thank you to Eric and John for all the work they have done. It will be nice to have athletics back on. Students are looking forward to it. She wanted to thank the staff. The custodians that have been working hard all summer to get the buildings ready. She is looking forward to stepping into the buildings this year and meeting face to face with John and Eric once in a while.

Peter stated he wanted to comment on the opening of school plan that John and Eric put together. I really like it that they will be going 5 days a week and no remote learning like last year. The only difference then last years will be that kids will have to wear masks this year and that is great. There was a lot of good work that went into the buildings this year. It is an exciting time for teachers to after all they went through last year. Good luck to all the school people

Michelle stated ditto what Donna said. She wants to thank everyone for all their hard work. Hopefully you got some vacation this summer. A lot of work that has been done is amazing. 42 kids in Pre-k is an excellent thing. We need people to fill out the free and reduced applications. The district really needs that information. Get ready for the breakaway race on Sunday.

Sally stated she would like to welcome all of our new hires. There is quite a list there. She is sure they will find it a pleasant place to work. She wants to thank everyone for their work with the plan to get back to school and the curveballs with the Delta variant. Also, all the hard work to get the buildings up and running

Dave stated welcome everyone back. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing summer. What he ask of the administration is that if there are any big projects coming up that we are going to review them. I am pretty sure pricing is going to come down and I believe we will see contractors having more free time or more laborers to do additional jobs. This goes to Peter and Donna during the building committee needs meeting if things are big and not a safety concern can we look at it and see if we can defer them. It's exciting to see the sports back and looking forward to Friday night football.

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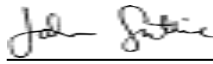
Adjournment

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 7:13PM. 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