

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
November 18, 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, Craig Evans, Sally Beatty, and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Nomination of School Board Chair & Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to nominate Dave Boudreau as school board chair. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Dave Boudreau to nominate Peter Flaherty as school board vice-chair. Voted unanimously. Motion approved

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Received resignation from a custodian at RSU 23

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie stated he would like to welcome new member Craig Evans to the group. He brings a lot of experience from many types of careers and he thinks Craig will bring a lot to our team. High school sports activities have wrapped up for this fall. Kudos to the Seacoast marching band formerly the Old Orchard Beach marching band who received their 10th gold medal this fall. That is an amazing accomplishment and we are very proud of them. It was a very successful fall. Most of our athletic rosters consists of sophomores and juniors this year, which bodes well for the future, while still being competitive currently. The golf team showed improvement as the year progress ending with some of their best scores in qualifying events and also won this year's SMAA sportsmanship award. Cross country team had an outstanding season with only two seniors on their roster. Football team qualified for the playoffs finishing fourth and hosting the quarterfinals. Football team also won the sportsmanship award for 2021. The girls' soccer had a record setting season making it all the way to the semifinals finishing with a record of 12-5 on the season. Tuesday night we had our annual National Honor Society induction. Congratulations to the National Honor Society members. Today we held our first vaccination clinic for our students at LMS. It serviced 81 OOB students today from ages 5 to 11 and they will get their second shot in the upcoming weeks and all will be fully vaccinated by Christmas break. Employment update. We have some staff shortages this year as well as many of the schools in Maine. Right now, we have a shortage in custodial staff and several openings for ed techs throughout our schools. We are continuously working on our shortages by advertising and reaching out to subs to

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see if they would like to come in daily. The real heroes are the staff that come in daily, showing up, making up for the shortages, and supporting others.

Board Presentation

Tim Gill from Runyon Kersteen Ouellette presented the RSU 23 Audit Report. (Please refer to recording of meeting to see the entire presentation)

Public Session:

None

Old Business

None

New Business

After discussion around policy BBAB: Board Self-Evaluation, A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Peter Flaherty to do a board self-evaluation and accept the tool presented. Voted 1- Yes & 2 -No. Motion was not approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave stated that they met this morning and went over the audit. It was a lot better audit then we have seen in the past and kudos to Cindy and her group that participated in that. Segregation of duties is an ongoing issue. The finance committee heard John and Cindy present a new position to help the business office and there will be more separation of things Cindy will be doing. John would like us to get together soon to discuss the budget and what we would like to see happen with it. He gave out the dates for the budget process for the 22-23 budget. We are in good shape with the budget this year. We are a little under budget as of right now.

Building: Peter stated they met November 3rd and Rob took them through everything that is happening at the schools. LMS this past week we had trouble with the heat. That is the reason we need a new school. We got an update on the fire department going through and all the things that we have to work on in the buildings in order to meet their requirements. LMS got a new hot water heater installed. WIFI for the pavilion work is getting done. At the high school the nurse's bathroom is in process. The trench has been dug and pipes have been buried. It should be completed soon. The gym floors at OOB HS and LMS are being refinished. Fix some lighting on the fields. They are always getting the grounds ready for the winter. Rob did mention that we are down three custodians.

Technology: Donna stated they have not had a meeting. Pam said that they have installed 9 new vision boards at three schools.

Board Remarks

Donna stated that she hopes everyone has a great Thanksgiving.

Peter stated he wanted to welcome Craig to the board. Glad to hear you are on the board as you have an extensive background and can help us out. Congratulations to all the fall athletes. All the teams were successful this year. Welcome Cindy to OOB.

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Craig stated he was grateful for the opportunity to be on the board and serve this community. Hopefully he can make some meaningful contributions.

Sally wanted to thank Caroline Trinder for inviting her over to have lunch at the Thanksgiving Festival today. She had a wonderful time with a group of 5th graders. We sat and talked and she got invited out to recess. Everything was great and the children were delightful. Thank you to Cindy and your team for this wonderful audit.

Dave stated that he would be emailing out committee assignments on Monday. Once you receive them then at that point you can start to schedule your meetings. Please look for that. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

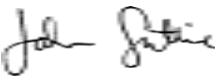
Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Craig Evans to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent