

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
December 16, 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***

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Craig Evans to accept the minutes from the November 18, 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 praise Ms. Dowd, Ms. Kuchta and Kalina Dodier who currently have 40 kids in the drama club from grades 6-12. We have combined middle school and high school program. We are excited for them to do some things with the kids and improve our theater and drama program over the years. As you know, we have had a pretty consistent amount of COVID cases in our schools, as other towns have had. We have had a few a week and many people quarantining in each school during this time. Our 5 to 11-year-olds have gotten their second dose last Thursday. We know being fully vaccinated is not preventing us from catching the virus but it is preventing serious illness and allowing us to stay in school, which is a luxury we didn't have a year ago. A couple of good news things that have happened in the last week or so, our ESSERIII (ARP) grant has been approved. That is good news. We have 3 years to use the funds. We have some exciting things coming down the pike using these funds. We will be adding some significant student support positions that will help us with our students who struggle. We will start to look for people to fill those positions as soon as we complete the job descriptions. Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Paul Landry, owner of Landry's Shop & Save and Jamie & Kathleen Bailey of Baileys Campground. They donated \$3600 worth of gift cards to our students and families for food in our district for the holiday season. They will be distributed evenly among grade level and school for targeted families. They have given us big gifts every year at this time and to see that amount of money come through this week was extremely uplifting. We thank you very much for your generous donation.

## **Board Presentation**

Bethany Rocheleau, Patrice Lemieux and Jen MacDonald gave a presentation on how far the kindergarten students have come this year. (Please refer to the recording of meeting to see the entire presentation)

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## **Public Session:**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Peter Flaherty read 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy BHS: Board Relationships & Communications with Staff

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to approve job descriptions; Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Payroll Specialist and Special Education Administrative Assistant as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: Dave stated they met today. They reviewed the job descriptions as well as the ESSERIII (American Rescue Plan) grant projects. That grant is on our website if anyone would like to look at that. We talked about going to bid for a few things, which we will hopefully get them out in the next 30 days or so. We talked about the roof bid that we declined this past September because of the amount that it came back as so we will redo that bid. Is there a way to break this bid down in smaller pieces that way if the prices are still high, we have options to do smaller pieces instead of the whole lump sum? We want to make sure the safety of the building and the people in it is not compromised. We are in line with budget and a little under. The school lunch program is in great shape based upon how much we will have to contribute. We went over the budget workshop schedule. Getting ready to start the budget process.

Building: Peter stated they met on December 1<sup>st</sup>. They talked about LMS who got about 500 chairs and tables delivered. They have been working on the list from the fire department. Exit signs have all been fixed as well as plexiglass on staircases for safety. The HS bathroom for the nurse is still in progress. There is a new ice machine for the trainer's room. The modular at the high school they are creating office space for personnel. Industrial arts and alternative ed are building sheds that they can store things in. They have found a good spot for a washer and dryer at Jameson. There is a new playground that is going to be installed. An adaptive playground that will be installed in the spring. We have three custodians at night and others are helping to fill in. We are redoing the track around the football field. Hopefully that will go out to bid in the not-so-distant future.

Technology: Donna stated there is nothing to report.

## **Board Remarks**

Donna stated thank you to everyone. I know it's been a long four months. The students of OOB count on you. You are always there and deliver. I hope everyone has a restful vacation and take time for yourself. Self-care works. Do that for yourself over vacation and rejuvenate.

Peter stated that during this time of year when he was working, he was like yeah, we finally made it, however, it is kind of a short break this year. At least you will have some days to recover. His hat goes off to everyone working in Covid the last few years. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and great new year.

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Craig stated he wishing everyone a great holiday season and respite. Come back rested in the New Year.

Sally stated she certainly wanted to thank Paul Landry and Bailey's for the generous gift to our families. Thank you to the entire staff for all you have done keeping our schools and students safe and learning. Wish you a Merry Christmas.

Dave stated that he wished everyone happy holidays and that the students, parent and community are very lucky to have our group and RSU family. I hope people remember that and if they see you out and about, they thank you for that. Get rested, spend time with your family. Don't think about school and think about things you want to do for yourself and family.

## **Adjournment**

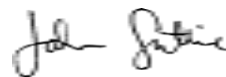
A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Craig Evans to adjourn the meeting at 6:32PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent