

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
March 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. 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 Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Craig Evans to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie stated he received a resignation from Jameson principal, Kate Hersom effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. She is going to be moving on to other avenues in her life. We wish her the best of luck. The job was posted on Monday and hopefully we will conduct interviews in April. Right now, Mr. Hanson will be leading a team of interviewees and more information will be forthcoming. Yesterday, we opened our bids for the track repair and unfortunately the lowest bid was \$170,000 over what was projected. We are going to meet with the architects again tomorrow and then meet with the low bidder Monday or Tuesday. There were some elements of the project we can scale back on to see if we can get closer to the original number we allocated for the track. We want people to know this would be a 30 to 40-year community wide upgrade. We do have 3 years to spend the grant money so hopefully things will go down like gas, oil, supply chain issues etc. We have had no positive pools for three weeks. The number of cases continuing to go down although still affecting our staff and schools. Congratulations to the cast and crew of Law & Order for the drama play that was put on last week. Thank you to Ms. Kuchta, Ms Dodier, Ms. Lees and Mr. Lavenbein for all their hard work on this. We have been a week in to having masks optional and it is going well. We hope no other variants pop up that would make us change the masking protocol.

## **Student Representative's Report:**

Santino stated the winter sports season has concluded and it was full of positives and successes. The student athletes represented the town of OOB very well. Our girl's co-op ice hockey team finished 12-4-1, qualifying for the playoffs and making it to the regional semifinals. Emily tucker, a senior made the all-academic team. Boy's co-op ice hockey team finished 4-13, eventually losing in the quarter finals of the State playoffs. Most of the roster returns next season. The boys' basketball finished ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> for the season losing a preliminary round in the playoffs. Landon Johnson was selected 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference. The girls' basketball team finished ranked 5<sup>th</sup> for the regular season with a 16-4 record.

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They lost in the State semifinals to the eventual State champions. Coach Dean Plante was selected as the Class C south coach of the year for the State. In our first year of Unified basketball was nothing but heartwarming interaction between all participants. It was a great success by all. Things have been going well at school since masks have become optional, all the students have been much happier with themselves and around the school. Drama Club play on March 4<sup>th</sup> went very well and all the members had a blast doing it. He wanted to thank Mrs. Kuchta, Ms. Lees, Ms. Dodier and Mr. Lavenbein for all their hard work and being so helpful to the drama club. The play was recorded and if you would like to see it, you can go to his YouTube (Perrone productions) and watch it there.

## **Board Presentation**

Mark Manduca gave a presentation on OOB High School Music Program. Please see taping of meeting for the entire presentation.

## **Public Session:**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Peter Flaherty read 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policies JKF-R: Student Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities Administrative Procedures and JHB: Truancy.

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to approve policies JK: Student Discipline, JKD: Suspension of Students, JKE: Expulsion of Students, and JKE-R: Expulsion Hearing & Reentry Guidelines as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: Dave stated the finance committee met this morning and went over a few things. First was the SRO officer. The finance committee has asked that we put that money back in the budget and hope to get some sort of security for the schools. They also talked about expenses in the sense of insurance rates and we should be getting the new rates by the end of March. Right now, we have budgeted a 3% increase, which is the range it has been for the last few years, so hopefully it will come in close. Lastly, we opened the bids yesterday and as John said we are over the budget that we put together so the finance committee talked about it and asked them to come back and be creative on how we can redo the track and be within the budget.

Building: Peter stated they did not meet this month

Technology: Donna stated they did not meet this month.

Calendar: Eric reported out on the draft calendar presented to the board. It is very similar to the calendar we are running this school year.

## **Board Remarks**

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Peter stated he wanted to thank Santino for his production as I was able to watch the entire play. His grandson was in it and I loved every minute of it.

Sally stated she also wanted to thank Santino for doing that as well as for keeping them up to date with what the students are doing in the school. It sounds like things are going great. Also, a big thank you to the music department. That was wonderful to hear our students singing and playing instruments.

Craig stated he also wanted to thank Mr. Manduca, who I truly appreciate. His entire body of work is impressive but particularly in recent years with COVID how challenging it is for vocals and such. He managed to pivot skillfully and managed to have some successes there. He should be applauded for that.

Santino stated he would like to thank everyone for having him once again. He enjoys it and is looking forward to the next meeting.

Donna stated she was so happy Mr. Manduca got to toot his own horn tonight. Not just Mark but his whole family has been a pillar for our music department for years and years. We certainly will miss the Manduca's. Congratulations to all sports teams. Glad you all got to play this year and got into the playoffs. Congratulations to Dean Plante with coach of the year. That is outstanding. I am surprised, as much as he yells on the sidelines that he got that award but very happy.

Dave stated he wanted to remind the board the next meeting is actually Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> due to April vacation. Happy St. Patty's Day to everyone.

## **Adjournment**

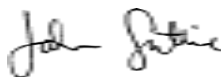
A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:45PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent