

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
June 16, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: 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 Donna Moutsatsos to accept the minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Mr. Suttie has received the following resignations; Nathan Madeira- HS Math Teacher, Jackie Hayes – LMS Dean of Students, Rachel Hatem- JES Special Education Teacher and Sue Gallant who will become a distinguished educator for two years with the DOE and then return to working for RSU 23.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie stated John the end of the school year was successful. We had a successful graduation and 8th grade step up night. Congratulations to those graduates and students moving up to the high school next year. Jameson had a few outdoor fun activities. We are thankful of the community for the approval of the budget on Tuesday. He would to thank everyone that worked on the budget to get it prepared. 82% is a pretty good number for approval. Summer work has begun. Our last student day was last Thursday. We will be working on our teacher handbook, which we had to put on pause when the pandemic happened. We are going to be focusing on school safety. Due to recent events, it makes us realize we need to get back to it and double down. We will also be working on consistent attendance for all students across all three schools. We would like to really work with all the families of students that are habitually truant. We will have some targeted professional development days for staff this summer. Maintenance will be working on light painting and repairs to get our schools ready for the fall. Summer school started at the high school this week and summer school for our special education students will start in the beginning of July. Food and nutrition summer program will be starting and serving on June 21st and run until August 12th. Breakfast and lunch will be served at LMS and Libby Memorial Library.

Board Presentation

None

Public Session:

None

Old Business

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None

New Business

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Sally Beatty to approve policy IHBEA: Program for English Language Learners as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept/certify election results. CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET VOTE: "THE RESULTS OF THE RSU 23 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM: ARTICLE 1: YES: 665, NO: 142 and BLANKS 12; ARTICLE 2: YES: 604, NO: 196 AND BLANKS 19; **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 14, 2022 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. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Craig Evans to accept new hires; Sylvia Most – HS Math Teacher, Christopher Chasse – HS Music Teacher and Jason Barriault – LMS Dean of Students as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to approve the revised extended learning coordinator job description as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Sally Beatty to approve the RSU 23 LAU Plan as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Sally stated that the finance committee met Wednesday, which stated we are 98.6% spent in our budget and we are a little over in our revenue, which hasn't happened in a while so that is good news. Auditors were in the building looking over our records and grants. They will be back in August. We talked about contracting out to help with the floors. We also talked about the budget, which passed.

Building: Peter stated they did not have a meeting this month, however Rob is building us a new track.

Technology: Donna stated the technology committee met and talked about device collection. It has been a few years since we have done that. We did break it down to each school as Jameson students it is easier to collect those as they are not deployed home. Pam will let us know which ones we haven't gotten back in the fall. We have had some intermittent WIFI issues and that was after we ramped up access points. Pam had an audit to see where the issues still lie. The fibers for all our phones come from Jameson Hill Road and then underground all the way to the high school. We are also underway with more view board installations.

Board Remarks

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Donna stated she hopes everyone enjoys their summer. She does want to have a dropout prevention meeting and talk about our dropout rate.

Peter stated that the budget passing as well as it did is excellent. It just proves again the citizens of OOB support the schools very well. They also want us to remain an RSU for another 3 years. Dave wanted me to mention that we do a self-evaluation sometime in July and we will also be meeting with the superintendent over his evaluation. He hopes everyone has a great summer!

Craig stated he wants to congratulate administration, faculty and staff for another successful year.

Sally stated thanks to staff and administration for getting through the year. It has been challenging with the pandemic and supply chain issues. Enjoy the summer.

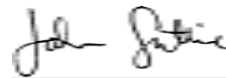
Adjournment

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:25PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent