

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
September 15, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Craig Evans, Sally Beatty, Peter Flaherty, Donna Moutsatsos and Superintendent John Suttie.

## ***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited***

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Sally Beatty to accept the minutes from the August 18, 2022 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Moving board presentation; "Enacting Our Vision: Providing Professional Development for RSU 23 Staff" to the October board meeting.

## **Correspondence**

None.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie stated he had a few things to report out on. First thing is our enrollment is up by 50 students over last June. That is encouraging as I am assuming we have not had our winter rental move ins as of yet. The biggest jump thus far is Jameson. Their enrollment is up by 34. We are getting that post COVID bump where people are returning to school. Our Pre-K program is full. We have three full classrooms. Thank you Al & Tiffany the owners of Bills Pizza and Pier Fries. They provided opening day food for all of our staff at less than 1/3 of the cost. They support us and they go above and beyond. We are likely going to have to take action on next month regarding inclement weather days and remote learning days. The State had given us those days and they have now expired. In order to have those days considered remote you have to feed those students on campus where you can see them eat. That is next to impossible. They will be able to have remote learning days; however, we will not be reimbursed for feeding the children those days. It would cost around \$1500 a remote day if we were to use these days in lieu of snow days. He would have to check with Caroline to get the exact numbers. He would like to welcome Chelsea Faye, for a grant funded part time position. She will be working with JoAnne to coordinate before and after school activities. We are in the process of doing a needs assessment. We are excited to have her on board.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Public Session:**

None

## **Old Business**

None

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## New Business

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Craig Evans to approve addendum to the superintendent's contract as discussed. Voted 3-1. Motion Approved.

## Committee Reports

Finance: Sally stated that the committee met this morning. We are \$21,900 under budget. Revenue is higher than normal. Finance committee also approved the addendum to the superintendent's contract and it is in the budget.

Building: Peter stated that the committee met on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The prices are coming down for the high school roof and we know that we need to replace that. There are bubbles on the roof so they have placed temporary cinder blocks on them. LMS now has heat detectors. Replaced a few smoke detectors at high school. Carpets at Jameson were replaced and asbestos to be removed. Track came out stellar plus all the chain link fence around the track looks great. Stadium lights will be replaced which were originally put in in 1999. No major problems but some asbestos in the white house. They are doing 6 month check ups

Technology: Donna stated they did not meet so there is nothing to report.

## Board Remarks

Craig stated it certainly feels like fall has arrived even though the calendar says we have to wait another week. When it feels like this it definitely feels like we are in full swing with the school year. Track looks great. I look forward to the football game on October 1<sup>st</sup> for the official unveiling of the track. Gratitude to bills pizza and pier fries for their annual support.

Peter stated there were several groups and individuals that have always thrown their support at the school. Not surprised that Bills Pizza and Pier fries did what they did. School went smoothly. Hopefully all of this COVID stuff will be behind us.

Donna stated welcome everyone back and have a good school year. She would like to get around to the schools and meet the new staff.

Sally stated congratulations to staff and students. She has heard nothing but great things on the start of the new school year.

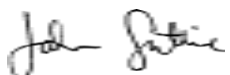
## Adjournment

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:17PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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John Suttie,  
Superintendent