

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
August 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Dave Boudreau, Craig Evans, Sally Beatty, 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 June 16, 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 September board meeting.

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie introduced Ben Harris, Jameson Elementary School Principal as well as Cynthia Potenza new HR Manager. We still have some openings in our district. All schools in Maine are struggling so it is not different than us. We currently have 5 special education ed tech openings and 1 regular education ed tech, 1 special education Teacher, 1 special education admin assistant, 1 food service attendant, 1 maintenance & facilities person and 2 custodians. Our current staff is going to cover our educational openings and our admins will fill in after that. We will have a company come in after the schools leave to help us with the two custodian openings. We are able to start school and still educate our children at the beginning of the year. Our track completion date has been moved to August 29th. We have some temporary irrigation systems up to help with the seeding that was put down after the track was completed. In speaking of the track and other maintenance and facilities issues we have had this year; I would like to give a huge shout out to Kevin Girard for spearheading the track project and who has been around all summer managing many projects. The superintendent would like to remind the public that even though lunch and breakfast are free we still need all families to fill out the free and reduced application. This drives how much funding we get from the DOE. It is imperative everyone fills them out even though meals are still free. The portal for returning enrolling students is open. There is a link in each principal memo for parents to enter the portal and complete the information. Shout out to the OOB summer rec staff in collaborations with our teachers to help deliver lessons to our students that missed some learning. Worked out perfectly. Appreciate the summer rec staff for doing that over the summer.

Board Presentation

None

Public Session:

None

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Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Craig Evans to accept new hires; Erin Mercier as Pre-K Teacher, Diana Gonzalez as JES Special Education Teacher, Michelle Gallagher as JES Social Worker, Christine Goulet as JES Dean of Students, Erin Bates-Letourneau as LMS Special Education Teacher, Crisoula Sicoli as OOB HS Speech Pathologist, Michelle Allen as District Wide Health Aide, and Susan York as Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave stated they met today and just went over starting up the new year. We did talk about the two buses that we purchased but they will not be in until March. We have 5 buses that are new to us so we are all set to start up school. We usually have 2 spares and unfortunately, they did not pass the State inspection and will cost a lot to fix. If there is an issue, we have a shortage we have the rec bus available to us and Eric is looking into a short-term lease. The only issue we may run into is with sports. Budget wise we are going to start off great. The auditors will be in the next month or two to present to us. Once we have that we will be able to roll out the final numbers of last year.

Building: Sally stated they did have a meeting and it centered around the new track and it's on budget. Everyone has been talking about it. Our new windows are all in and also look great and being talked about. We will also have blocks on the roof so that it will not uplift anymore and ruin the roof. Buildings are all clean and we are in good shape to start school.

Technology: We did not meet this month but we have enough devices for the students and the data fiber has been upgraded.

Board Remarks

Sally wanted to extend a warm welcome to all of our new hires. We have quite a few this year. Have a wonderful start to the new year.

Craig stated where did the summer go. He feels good with the work getting done like the track and windows. Looking forward to this year and looking to fill those vacancies. Hopefully there will be good news around that.

Dave stated welcome everyone to the start of the new school year. Happy John kept us in the loop as to what is going on. The track to going to be great.

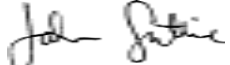
Adjournment

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:14PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent