

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
November 17, 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, David Bourdreau 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 October 20, 2022 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Add Presentation of Masonic Lodge Donation

Add Presentation of High School Football Team Gold Ball

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Public Session:**

Erin Dupee, high school staff introduced David Gardner, Worshipful Master and Richard Southwick, Treasurer from the Mason Orchard Lodge #215. At their August meeting they decided that they wanted to give back to the committee. They reached out to Erin Dupee on how to best support the students of Old Orchard Beach. They donated 63 \$25.00 Hannaford gift cards. 21 gift cards for the High School, 21 for Loranger and 21 gift cards for Jameson School. Erin continued to say thank you to David and Rick. She also wanted to recognize Ron Goulet who is the manager at Landry's Shop & Save and Jamie Bayley, the owner of Bayley's Campground for their amazing donation to our food drive this year. Once again, they donated 60/\$60.00 gift cards to students and families in our district facing food insecurities for the upcoming holiday season. A total of \$3,600.00. As Ron stated, "this is what Paul would have wanted". Another huge thank you to Nick Skinsacos and Mike Ruel, managers of the Saco Hannaford for their donation of \$100.00 gift card toward the student supply closet as well as 20 turkeys. We will be distributing 6 turkeys to Jameson, 7 to Loranger, and 6 to high school tomorrow morning. The Brunswick has been a huge supplier to the Loranger Middle School backpack program. They deliver by the truckload. They have also donated gloves, socks and hats to kick off this cold season. Saco Biddeford Savings Institute also gave \$150.00 check to go towards the OOB high school student supply closet. There has been a donation from a generous staff member, a generous school board member and members of our community from Old Orchard Beach and even Scarborough. The high school staff had a potluck chili luncheon on election day that raised \$211.00 to be used towards the student supply closet. She stated we are truly fortunate to live in this little town with a big heart. Thank you!

John welcomed and congratulated the Old Orchard Beach high school football team on winning the State Championship. Coach Plante stated community was a theme for the night. Our team has

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reaped the benefits of the support right from the beginning of the season. The players are appreciative. He stated he is very proud of his team.

## **Board Presentation**

JoAnne did a presentation on NWEA scores (Please refer to video online for full presentation).

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie stated one thing he would like to debrief on the events of Tuesday when an anonymous caller called several high schools in Maine with threats. They identified themselves as a teacher, stated they had a long gun, and there were casualties. It took only about 30 minutes for the officials to determine that it was a hoax. It did lead to a lot of discussion with school personnel on school safety and how we would react to situations. We realized we have to be really flexible thinkers because no matter how much we plan, how much we have in place, being able to react in the moment and protect your students is the most important thing. He has a meeting with the police chief on Monday and the principals on how we can better improve our situations. We will also discuss if we will be provided with an SRO. He acknowledged that it is Sally Beatty's last night. She has been a school board member for 3 years. She has understood the role of a board member; she has acted and voted impartially from the information presented to her. She has represented the board in a positive manner and has been an unbiased member in every situation. Thank you for everything you have done for us Sally.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Peter read 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policies JEA: Compulsory School Attendance and EFD: Meal Charging Policy.

A motion was made by Sally Beatty and seconded by Craig Evans to approve policies BCB: Conflict of Interest, AC: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity & Affirmative Action, ACAA-R: Student Discrimination/Harassment & Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, ACAA: Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students, ACAB: Harassment & Sexual Harassment of School Employee's, GCFB: Recruiting & Hiring of Administrative Staff, GFCB-R: Recruiting & Hiring of Administrative Staff Procedures, and ACAB-R: Employee Discrimination/Harassment & Title IX Sexual Harassment Compliant Procedures as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approve

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: Dave stated the finance committee met today. We went over where we are with the budget. We discussed the bus lease for a used bus until we get new ones. Those are not supposed to be in until March. We talked about the audit and are looking into why we haven't seen the results yet. We talked about the budget process moving forward.

Building: Sally stated the culinary rooms have replaced the faucets and water has been tested. Power lines in the parking lot at Jameson have been put under ground. An adaptive swing has been installed in the playground as well. District wide we have begun the process of preparing the fields for the winter.

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Technology: Donna stated that we have 472 take home devices, and 185 elementary students are using iPads. 61 students with take home devices purchased the insurance. There have been 36 damaged devices since the beginning of the school year.

## **Board Remarks**

Donna stated that she would like to congratulate the football team. It is such a nice feeling in town. As a lifelong resident and graduate of the high school we don't get many of those. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Enjoy your little break.

Peter congratulated the football team. He really is impressed with all that Erin Dupee has done for students in need. That puts a smile on your face. That small town feeling that makes you realize why you live here. Happy Thanksgiving.

Craig stated congrats to the football team. It was a great day. Excellent work that Erin has done. That is excellent news for the school. Thank you for your work there. Sally thank you for your service and he appreciates it.

Sally would like to take the opportunity to thank the fellow board members and the staff of RSU 23. She has enjoy working with each of them during her time on the board. Her time here has been during some of the most trying times she has ever experienced in education. She also wanted to thank John and Eric for all their patience and help getting her up to par with all of the technology. She also wants to congratulate Barbara on her win and hopes she enjoys her time on the board. Congratulations to the football team on winning the state championship.

Dave wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy what you have and your time off. Congratulations to the football team and coaches. All the other fall sports did a phenomenal job this year. Sally, it has been great working with you. I wish you good things and I know you won't be far. On December 13<sup>th</sup> we have a board workshop and we will get some training at the High School library. The December board meeting was changed to Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Adjournment**

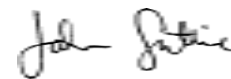
A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsous and seconded by Sally Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 6:53PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent