

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Craig Evans, Barbara Roberge, Peter Flaherty, Donna Moutsatsos, David Boudreau and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Nomination of School Board Chair & Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Craig Evans to nominate Dave Boudreau as school board Chair. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Dave Boudreau and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to nominate Craig Evans as school board Vice-Chair. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session:

None

Board Presentation

Tim Gill, RKO Accountant did a presentation on RSU #23's 2021-2022 audit report. (Please refer to video online for full presentation).

Superintendent Suttie thought it would be important to acknowledge Cindy Cox, Eric Hanson, Helene Stevens, and Jamie Turcotte. These people hold themselves to very high standards and they hold everyone around them to equally high standards. No material weaknesses, no significant deficiencies, no compliance findings, a \$15,000,000.00 budget spent within \$57,000.00, local assessments going down each year, and no audit adjustments. You guys should be very proud of yourselves. Such a well-run school district financially.

Superintendent's Report

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Superintendent Suttie welcomed Mrs. Barb Roberge to her first school board meeting. She has been working hard since her election to understand the school board position. We have been unsuccessful in the pursuit of getting a resource officer the last two years. They have not been able to provide us with a resource officer. We then pivoted and went to a private company. We have had two meetings with the private company. The barrier is that you cannot have a firearm within 500 feet of a school so they would have to be unarmed. With that, we went back to the police department to see if they could provide us one, however, they are unable. We will continue to work on that. 14 people in our district have completed a 10-hour CSTAG training. We are going to have a presentation for the board next month. It helps us determine how to evaluate a school threat and how to deal with it. It was a great training there was lots of learning. It is a positive thing and packs a punch to deal with any sort of threats. Winter sports is under way if anyone wants to catch basketball games. There is a holiday concert at Loranger tonight. We have a few players playing hockey this year with Biddeford.

Old Business

None

New Business

Peter read 1st reading of policies HBAC: Child Find.

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Craig Evans to accept policies: JEA: Compulsory School Attendance and EFD: Meal Charging Policy as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Craig Evans to accept new hire nomination; Shelby Gilleo- Jameson Pre-K Teacher as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to approve increase in sub pay daily rates as presented. Voted 4 Yes, 1 Abstained. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave stated the finance committee will meet tomorrow. Once we get the new finance committee together. We will report out next month.

Building: Peter stated they also did not meet but things are moving along very well.

Technology: Donna stated the technology committee did not have any meetings.

Board Remarks

Donna stated we are in December. We made it half way through the year. She appreciates everything everyone does. Have a great holiday; admin, teachers, ed techs, etc. Enjoy and we will see you next year.

Peter stated this is always a great time of year. Getting to Christmas vacation is like "Phew we made it". This year it's on a Sunday and you are not getting cheated but sometimes you get more time.

Dave stated welcome Barb to the board. Please email him in the next few days of the assignments you are interested in so I can get that together. Thank you to Cindy on the audit report. We have gone

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from one end to another. Keep up the good work on that. Happy Holidays. Enjoy your break and see you in 2023.

Craig stated welcome to Barbara. Look forward to working with you. Congratulations to our financial staff on such a terrific job. Break is coming up. Great time to clear you head and reset. Hope it's a rewarded and refreshing time.

Barb stated it is very different to sit on this side of the bench. Thank you to the community and the association for supporting me and voting for me. I look forward to working with this group to get our schools working smoothly. The PTO held a wonderful craft fair this past weekend. All money raised goes back to our children. Thank you for the interesting training for the school board yesterday. I am happy about the increase in sub pay. Good luck and welcome to RSU #23 Shelby. Happy Holidays Everyone.

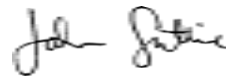
Adjournment

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsous and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 6:44PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent