

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
February 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

## **Meeting Called to Order**

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Craig Evans, Barbara Roberge, Donna Moutsatsos, Dave Boudreau, Matthew Cantara-Bisson (student rep) and Superintendent John Suttie.

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Public Session:**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie stated he has a few items to cover tonight. Jameson school staff are getting ready for next year's enrollment. We have pre-k preregistration open right now. If you have a child that fits the criteria for pre-k, please contact us at Jameson School. Tomorrow is an important day. We are having a dental clinic sponsored by UNE dental clinic in Portland. They will be servicing 27 of our kids that will be traveling up there to get dental work done. Thank you to our health services team for making this happen. Update on the SRO position. We did partner with the police station to write a job description and they are going to post the position on their website. We are hoping it gets posted within the next week or so. I would like to recognize Ron Goulet from Landry's Hannaford. They have given a huge donation to our food pantries. A big thank you from RSU 23.

## **Student Representative's Report**

Matthew stated concert band has welcomed two new students and both are doing wonderfully. The full big band performed two jazz concerts in the last few weeks. Those went pretty well. Jazz combo consisting of 7 students, traveled to Kennebunk HS to perform in the Jazz Festival and did very well. Culinary Arts we recently had two guest chefs in the past few weeks. Chef Jeff Mao made dumplings with students to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The other guest chef Ekhlas Ahmed. The library hosted the exhibit of three Arctic Visits: Three Journeys of Discovery to Native Communities. In Visual arts, students in Art II and advanced studio art submitted art work to be selected by a faculty vote. Joana Massanga's art work, Mother Nature, was selected and will be on exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art

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starting in March. Winter sports, JV girls' basketball finished with record of 6-3, JV boys 4-8 and showed great progress. Varsity girls finished with a record of 15-3 and will play in the tournament in Augusta. Dean Plante and Matt Regan were both named McDonald's coach of the year and Elise McNair was named as a finalist for Miss Basketball Maine. Unified basketball has been a great opportunity for students to interact with each other in many ways. They had their final game last night. Intramural volleyball signups are under way and the season will start after break. Finishing off with the robotics club. We had two students that performed and have been building their robot since December.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Craig Evans to accept new hire Maureen Dow-JES Special Education teacher as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Barb read first reading of policy JICIB: Behavioral Threat Assessment Management.

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: Dave stated they met today. We are starting to review the budget process for the 23-24 school year. We reviewed a few items like electricity, fuel, etc. that prices are increasing. We are doing very well. We will also be discussing some projects that will be coming up. Just some bigger projects we want to discuss for next year.

Building: Donna stated that we have installed some new sump pumps at the Adult Ed building and Loranger Middle School. They cleaned up the sewer lines and replaced the pumps. At Loranger and High School they are looking at replacing the bleachers and putting in remote hoops. Mark Beaudoin has come out of retirement and is back at the district. High School black out shades have been ordered. They will be installed when they come in which is about five weeks. We are purchasing two vans to replace two of our older ones and we will have a fleet of six vans.

Technology: Donna stated they did have a meeting this month and Pam brought us up to speed on a few things. District will be participating in MLTI again next year and grades 6-9 will be receiving devices. By being part of this program, it saves the district money. We will have to buy carrying cases, batteries, damages and repairs. Over April/May they will be installing some new view boards at Jameson and Loranger and Jameson is getting some improvements to their WIFI over February break.

## **Board Remarks**

Donna stated it was a great report from the students. It is nice to hear everything that is going on. The band has always done great things. Look forward to seeing the girls and boys play in Augusta. Good luck, I am sure they will do well. Congratulations to the coaches who got coach of the year. All well deserved. Hope everyone has a great vacation. I know you are all looking forward to it.

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Barb stated she was anxious to hear more about the CSTAG team and its implementation. Hopefully we will not have to use it but it will be nice to know we have a strong plan in place. Welcome to Maureen Dow. Shout out to Kate Shaw for being nominated for teacher of the year. Congratulations to Paul Santamore for being the UMF spotlight. Thanks to Mr. Suttie for recognizing our facilities and custodial staff and all the work they do. I am excited to read about the success of the after-school work for grades 3-8. Thank you to the principals for their monthly reports. They are great. Kudos to the administration for all the work they have done on the budget. Wish everyone a happy vacation, you all deserve it.

Craig stated that he looks forward to the student representative report. There are always so many things going on. It is very exciting. Congratulations to the boys and girls as well as the individuals for all their success. I look forward to seeing them in Augusta. It is nice to hear the continuing generosity of Landry's and we are grateful for what they contribute. Great to hear about the UNE dental clinic. Wish everyone a great February vacation.

Dave stated he wanted to thank everyone for all the work on the budgets. It is not easy and there is a lot that goes into the process of that. Look forward to the workshop. Congratulations to all the teams. Good luck in Augusta. I am sure they will do fine. Everyone should enjoy their vacation. Every year the board of ethics need to be signed by everyone and the rules of what we should and shouldn't be doing. If you could all sign them.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Donna Moutsatsous to enter executive session at 6:25PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsous and seconded by Craig Evans to exit executive session at 6:43PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved

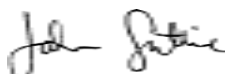
A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsous and seconded by Craig Evans to adjourn meeting at 6:43PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent