

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on  
March 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***

Superintendent Suttie welcomed and recognized several high school student athletes and coaches. (Please refer to video online for entire presentation.)

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Craig Evans to accept the minutes from the February 16, 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 had a few things to discuss tonight. Shout out to the cast and crew of Murder on the 518. A production was put on last week at Loranger. Elaine Lees, JoAnne Dowd, Kalina Dodier and Tisha Kuchta all did a great job leading our students through the planning, preparation, rehearsing and presentation of the play. Cindy Eurich who donated bongos to our OOB HS and we are very grateful for that donation as our band students have been using older bongos. Joana Massanga was selected to display her artwork entitled, Mother Nature, at the Portland Museum of Art this month celebrating Maine student creativity. Not many students were chosen to have their art at the museum. We are proud she was able to show her art. Congratulations to Mr. Harris who brought his entire school to a Maine Mariners Game last week. Thank you to the staff and Ben for doing this. That is not easy to take a bunch of 4 to 7-year-olds to a hockey game.

## **Student Representative's Report**

Matthew stated he wanted to congratulate and shout-out to Elaine Lees, JoAnne Dowd, Kalina Dodier, Tisha Kuchta and the cast and crew of Murder on the 518 for putting on a fantastic showing. It was phenomenal. Coming up on March 29<sup>th</sup> OOB HS will be hosting Namory Keita, a Village Master

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Drummer demonstrated the West African Instrument. Congratulations to Joana Massanga for her exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art, which will be on display through April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Barbara Roberge and seconded by Craig Evans to approve policy JICIB: Behavioral Threat Assessment Management as written. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: Dave stated they did not meet today. We are concentrating on the budget workshop tonight.

Building: Committee did not meet this month.

Technology: Donna stated Donna stated nothing to report.

Calendar: Eric presented draft of the proposed 2023-2024 RSU 23 calendar.

Curriculum: Barb stated they met last week and Joanne Dowd reviewed the curricula initiatives and the State Assessment updates. Very informative. If anyone is interested, they can go to the RSU website and under the curriculum tab.

## **Board Remarks**

Donna stated she is very proud of what the girls accomplished. She had the pleasure of coaching some of those girls in 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade. It is such a thrill to see them break that glass ceiling. And for our other students that were here tonight. It is amazing to have such a small town with such a big success.

Barb stated she wanted to congratulate the lady gull's basketball team and coaches. Elise and Landon for their basketball awards as well as Jamie for his hockey accomplishments. Mr. Harris, she has enjoyed your March Madness Reading Challenge. It is very entertaining to hear the stories and what you and Ms. Goulet have to say. She attended the play last week and it was very entertaining. They did a great job leading our students in the drama presentation. Thank you to the health service team for helping our 73 students attend the dental clinic. Good to hear that the dances are back at the schools. The wellness day for the early release day sounded fabulous. Congratulations to Caroline for her being chosen to represent the food service in Washington DC.

Craig stated there aren't many events that galvanize a community but I think we witnessed some of that this year. He would like to commend the individual winners but also the team effort of the Lady Gulls. They were firmly on a mission which was successfully completed and they brought great pride to

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the community. It was a gift to the community. We saw it bring the community together. He couldn't be more ecstatic and proud of them.

Dave stated we do have a phenomenal community here. Anyone can participate in any after school activities and it really shows we have students dedicated to do that. When you see two sports teams in the same year come back and win states it shows that the students are dedicated as well as the coaching staff. Thank you for the budget presentation. He knows it's a lot of work behind the scenes to put it all together and it is not a small task and he wants to make sure it doesn't go unnoticed. He does really appreciate that.

## **Adjournment**

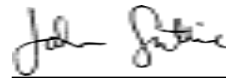
A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Donna Moutsatsous to adjourn meeting at 6:32PM. Voted unanimously. Motion Approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Helene Stevens,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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John Suttie,  
Superintendent