

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on May 25, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

## **Meeting Called to Order**

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Dave Boudreau, Craig Evans, Peter Flaherty, Donna Moutsatsos, Barbara Roberge, Student Representative Matthew Cantara-Bisson and Superintendent John Suttie.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Boudreau and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the Minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meetings as written. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None.

## **Correspondence**

None.

## **Public Session**

None.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie thanked those who attended the Budget Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. All 18 articles passed. The Referendum vote will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the High School. He encouraged all residents to get out and vote.

Superintendent Suttie stated that the annual Senior Citizen Dinner took place earlier that evening and there were approximately 100 attendees. The dinner is organized and hosted by Nutrition Director Caroline Trinder and staff. Thanks to the RSU #23 Administrative Staff and Board Members who setup, served and cleaned up afterwards.

Congratulations were offered to Gwyneth Maguire, High School Librarian who has been selected as a Maine MLTI Ambassador. Ms. Maguire will be spending the next 2 years with this Department of Education group. MLTI Ambassadors work directly with teachers in the field to provide instructional coaching and professional learning. Her salary will be paid for by the State of Maine and RSU #23 is seeking a substitute librarian.

Superintendent Suttie shared that TJ Swenson from H.L. Security had visited the district recently to provide a safety and security assessment. This valuable service was provided free of charge and Mr. Swenson was pleased with the district's overall security and the camera/card system for building doors. His suggestions and report will be filed with H.L. Security and is considered classified. This was a great exercise and changes will be implemented over the summer to improve safety.

Superintendent Suttie spoke about the District Retirement Party recently held at Joseph's by the Sea. The event was well attended and he's heard from the honored retirees that they felt appreciated.

Craig Evans asked if there was an update to the search for a Resource Officer. There is no update to report.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Matthew reported that the Spring sports season has been successful thus far. Track & Field has had 4 meets and are going to the Western Maine Conference on Saturday. The recent Music Concert was great! Next week and month will be busy especially for Seniors. Next week will be Senior Internship presentations, the Senior Trip to Nobleboro followed by Marching Practices at The Seaside Pavilion, Senior Breakfast at Joseph's by the Sea, Senior Banquet at Duffy's and Awards at the High School. Finally, Graduation for the Class of 2023 will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Presentation**

None.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

1. Motion was made by Dave Boudreau and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to approve Policy AC-R: Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.
2. Motion was made by Barbara Roberge and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve Probationary Teachers. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.
3. Motion was made by Barbara Roberge and seconded by Craig Evans to approve Continuing Teachers as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.
4. Motion was made by Barbara Roberge and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to approve New Hires. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.
5. Motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Craig Evans to approve New Job Descriptions. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Dave stated they met Tuesday. He has spoken to and brainstormed with the Police Chief about filling the SRO position. Dave believes the Chief understands the concerns and wants to hire the right person. The Police Chief has been invited to the August School Board meeting. The budget is in good shape.

**Building:** Peter shared that the Concession Tower is unsafe and cannot be renovated per the Code Enforcement Officer. The committee is obtaining drawings and estimates. The goal is to wrap the plan up in two weeks and the project should be completed by the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

There will be a lot of summer work going on in buildings including carpet and floor tile replacement, asbestos abatement at Jameson and a loading dock door at Loranger. The High School work includes parking lot lighting, exterior LED lighting, new main/entrance door, carpeting. Exterior window tinting will be applied at all three schools as a security measure.

**Technology:** Donna stated there was no report.

**Curriculum:** Barbara stated there was not report.

### **Board Remarks**

Barbara mentioned the success of the recent Special Olympics held at the Track. She welcomed and congratulated the new teaching staff and the probationary and continuing contract teachers. Barbara congratulated the Class of 2023 and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Loranger. She congratulated Sue Maynard as the Nutrition Manager of the Year and Joanne Dowd on her new position. Barbara congratulated Gwyneth Maguire and Mark Knowles on their recent MEA awards. She thanked the retirees for their dedication to the district.

Craig congratulated the Class of 2023 and all those involved in their educational success.

Donna thanked the High School Principal Selection Committee for their dedication and commitment.

Peter congratulated the Class of 2023 and the retirees.

Dave thanked Barbara, Donna and the Selection Committee for their work bringing good candidates forward. He enjoys handing out diplomas at graduation to the graduates. The Class of 2023 consisted of 47 grads who were awarded \$80,000 in scholarships! Dave thanked all who attended the District Budget Meeting. Reminder that Superintendent Evaluations have been sent and are due in June. He stated there will be a Board Workshop in July and School Board Evaluations will be on the Agenda. Dave thanked TJ Swenson from H.L. Security for their recent visit and report.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to enter executive session at 6:30 p.m. per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matter. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Peter Flaherty to exit executive session and enter public session at 6:40 p.m.. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Barbara Roberge to adjourn meeting at 6:41 p.m.. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Lisa Dearborn  
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Respectfully submitted by:

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John Suttie  
Superintendent