

RSU 23 School Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on October 19, 2023, @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

John Suttie called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Present: Dave Boudreau, Craig Evans, Donna Moutsatsos, Barbara Roberge, Peter Flaherty, Student Representative Madison Shaw and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Craig Evans and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the Minutes from the September 21st and September 29th, 2023 meeting(s) as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie spoke regarding parent/teacher conferences. He discussed multiple events regarding staff including: New staff suicide awareness training, the 2nd annual staff Olympics and wellness days that are happening once a month. He talked about the 11/7 election and that high school students would be remote that day but teachers would still report to school as usual. The district will be hosting website/social media training on 11/1 and 12/6. We are very happy with our new bleachers in the high school gym. They are beautiful as well as ADA compliant. Finally, all staff are able to receive the flu shot and Covid booster at the clinic being held on 10/23.

Student Representative's Report

Madison Shaw gave an update on our sports teams and their progress thus far. She talked about the Veterans appreciation and Homecoming events as well as the Halloween festivities planned in October.

Board Presentation

Ben Harris, Principal at Jameson Elementary School and Kristen DalPra, Dean of Students at Jameson Elementary School, presented on the many things happening there. They spoke about new staff, initiatives, class counts, how social media has impacted our students, their new flex grouping program, teacher residency and next steps. It was very informative and well received.

Old Business

Craig Evans requested to revisit the concession stand project. It was decided in the 9/29 session to have a workshop. This was an invalid motion. Craig then made a motion that this would be moved to the Buildings Needs committee to report back for a recommendation. Seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Peter Flaherty reiterated where policies can be found on the website and read 1st readings of:

- KF - Community Use of School Facilities (Updates 2014 Policy)
- ACAD - Hazing (Updates 2001 Policy)
- ACAD - Service Animals in School (Updating Policy IMGA from 2016)
- IMG - Animals in School (Updates 2016 Policy)

2nd reading and approval of:

- GBN - Family and Medical Leave
- GCGA - Substitute Employees
- GCGA E1 - Substitute Employee Compensation Rates
- GBGB - Workplace Bullying
- JIH - Questioning and Searches of Students
- JIH-R - Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative Procedure

Barbara Roberge made a motion to accept all policies as written. Seconded by Craig Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent Suttie thanked the Board for their work on the 2nd readings.

Committee Reports

Finance: Dave Boudreau reported that the Finance Committee did not meet this month.

Building: Peter Flaherty stated that they met on 10/4 to discuss the roof replacement(s). He said that prices will be coming down and we should look at going out to bid soon. He discussed that the LMS fire panel system and burglary alarm should be brought up to date. The JES fire panel system should be brought up to date as well. The paving project is going well. Dave Boudreau inquired about the basketball hoops and if they have gone up yet. Rob Kierstead reported that the holes need to be dug but the plan is to have them completed by winter.

Technology: Donna Moutsatos stated that there was no report.

Curriculum: Barbara Roberge reported that she met with Eric Hanson to discuss how they want things to happen going forward.

Board Remarks

Barbara Roberge thanked Ben Harris and Kristen DalPra for their presentation. She also thanked Superintendent Suttie, Eric Hanson and the building Principals for their Board reports. She is looking forward to a productive school year and requested that we announce future school board meetings on our building signs.

Craig Evans also thanked Ben Harris and Kristen DalPra for their presentation and congratulated the High School for winning the Olympics.

Peter Flaherty welcomed Maddy Shaw. He thanked Ben Harris and Kristen DalPra for their JES presentation and welcomed everyone back to school.

Donna Moutsatsos wished good luck to the high school teams. She loved Ben and Kristen's presentation and gave them a "gold star". She noted that the 1st quarter ends next week.

Dave Boudreau stated that it is good to hear about all the volunteering happening at the schools. He suggested having students come to the School Board Meetings and encouraged all to vote.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Barbara Roberge to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Correspondence

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Couture
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

John Suttie
Superintendent