

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on April 9, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Craig Evans called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Craig Evans, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, Barbara Roberge, and Superintendent John Suttie.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Barbara Roberge to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2024, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Session**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie thanked everyone that went to the track to watch the eclipse. Thank you to our High School Science teacher, Andrea Johnson, for putting the word out and organizing this fun event for the community.

Congratulations to Dr. Jim Babcock who was named Maine School Psychologist of the year. He is regarded as the absolute best school psychologist in Maine. We are glad that he was acknowledged. Congratulations, Dr. Babcock!

Vacation is coming up next week. Best wishes for a well-deserved break.

Budget footnotes - After tonight's Board vote, the next budget event will be on Tuesday, May 14, at the Old Orchard Beach High School cafeteria. This is when the community comes to vote on budget items one by one. Once that night is complete, the last budget portion of the year is on Tuesday, June 11. This is the budget referendum, which is when people come to the polls to vote.

Thank you to Ms. Roberge for contacting our local legislators regarding school construction, although we have not heard from them yet. Once things calm down in Augusta, we should hear from them to talk about the future of school construction. There will be no committee reports this month as there were no meetings. We will get back on track next month.

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

None

### **Board Presentation**

Save for new business.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Peter Flaherty made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as written. Seconded by Donna Moutsatos. All in favor, motion approved.

Barbara Roberge recited the second readings of policies KG – Civility, KHC – Distribution of Materials and KI – Visitors to Schools. Donna Moutsatos made a motion to accept the second readings of all policies. Motion seconded by Peter Flaherty. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Superintendent Suttie gave his FY 25 Budget Presentation. (See video for full presentation).

Craig Evans thanked Superintendent Suttie for the presentation. This took lots of energy and time to put it together. Thank you for your ability to be flexible.

Peter Flaherty made a motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 RSU 23 Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Barbara Roberge. All in favor. Motion approved.

Donna Moutsatsos Made a motion to approve the Adult Education Budget & RSU 23's local contribution. Motion seconded by Barbara Roberge. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Barbara Roberge and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m. per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter with no action.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to exit executive session and enter public session at 7:26 p.m. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Barbara Roberge and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Cathy Couture  
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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John Suttie  
Superintendent