

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on May 16, 2024,  
@ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Craig Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Craig Evans, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, Barbara Roberge, David Boudreau, Madison Shaw and Superintendent John Suttie.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2024, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Session**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Thank you to the grounds crew for getting our campuses transitioned into spring, they look great. Thank you to all who came to the regional budget meeting. The next step is the meeting on 6/11. Please come out to vote.

We will be holding our annual Senior citizens banquet on Thursday, May 23, at 4:30 pm at LMS. High School Graduation is on 6/2 at 2 pm, shuttle busses will be provided.

Middle school graduation is on 6/7. The last day of school is Monday, June 10, early release for students, full day for staff.

Congratulations to Caroline Trinder, who was named Maine State Food Service Director of the Year, and Erin Dupee, who has been named Maine State Support Staff Specialist of the year.

The District recently purchased a \$35,000 generator for the high school. It will run the entire end of the building where the gym is. We are now equipped to hold many people in town who might need a place to be in case of a power outage. We are proud to be able to provide this to the town without using local money.

We held a ceremony on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at Joseph's By the Sea for the following retirees: Patty Elsemiller, Cindy Cox, Sue Gallant, Mary-Elise Alexandre, Christine Clark, Janice Erickson, Carolyn Mehlman and Sylvia most. We wish them the best!

Lastly, we received an email this morning from our engineer. Loranger was 12<sup>th</sup> on the list and we are now #1 on the list. They are not funding any more schools during this cycle; however, applications are due by 8/30 for the new cycle. We could potentially get leapfrogged. Senator Bailey responded to me today and it is an improvement as to where we have been. We will know in 2025 if we are high enough on the list.

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

Last month 6 students attended the Thomas cup at Thomas college where they stayed up all night competing in multiple challenges such as robotics, cyber security, crime scene investigation, e-sports and innovation.

The second event this past month was the eclipse viewing party at the track with the high school science teachers. There was a huge turnout from students and teachers.

Track and field has 50 students on the team, which is a record. Baseball is in playoffs with 6 games left, the softball roster is all underclassmen and they have shown great growth.

The outing club went on its last outing at the Windham Conservation Area, the art show at the library was a success, with the art staying up through the month of May, and finals week for seniors has wrapped up and they are out of the school working on their internships.

## **Board Presentation**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Peter Flaherty made a motion to accept the Probationary II teachers. Seconded by Craig Evans. All in favor. Motion approved.

Peter Flaherty made a motion to accept the continuing teachers. Seconded by Dave Boudreau. All in favor. Motion approved.

David Boudreau made a motion to accept new hire nominees, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion approved.

David Boudreau made motion to award the HS roof replacement, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos, discussion followed:

The Finance committee recommends to go with it. David Boudreau asked if there is a cap? Eric Hanson responded that \$610,707 plus the \$38,000 is the top end. Specs require them to have bid bond insurance. That is the cost. Our architects have spoken with Glidden Roofing and confirmed and reviewed the entire motion. David Boudreau asked that if it reaches over \$650,000, can we bring it back to the Board? Donna Moutsatsos stated the contract is covering it, so they can't go over that amount. David Boudreau also asked, if they open it and it ends up going over? Donna Moustatsos stated that they have taken several core samples so they know what they are getting into. Eric Hanson added that if there were any extenuating contingencies, it would be a breach of contract. The contract that will be signed has the amount exactly as written and it would be voided if that occurred. A motion is not necessary to reconvene for that purpose.

Donna Moutsatsos made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Peter Flaherty. All in favor, motion approved.

**Finance Committee** – No report.

**Building Needs Committee** -Summer schedule is set and we have enough custodians. Not a lot of work at LMS and JES this summer. Smaller things going on at the high school.

**Technology Committee** – No report.

**Curriculum Committee** – Barbara Roberge reported that they met today and the 4 summer programs that are going to be happening are ESL, credit recovery, and a new pilot for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by and by Craig Evans and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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 Suttle  
Superintendent