

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on August 22, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Craig Evans called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. Present: Craig Evans, Donna Moutsatsos, Peter Flaherty, Barbara Roberge, David Boudreau and Superintendent John Suttie.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Barbara Roberge to accept the minutes from the June 12, 2024, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Adjustments to the Agenda**

1. Vote to send school construction applications to the Maine Department of Education
2. Motion to approve new hire Matthew Beattie as a 1-year math teacher at OOB High School

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Session**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie reported that we do have an SRO, Adam Tichy, who was a former SRO in Saco. He will be at the September meeting. Many thanks to Captain Chard for relentlessly searching for someone to fill the position. Openings – we are in good shape with only 3 openings. Comparatively, we are doing well, probably in our best shape post-Covid. Next Monday and Tuesday our teachers are returning. Grades 1-9 are starting school on Wednesday, Grades 10-12 on Thursday. We had

about 40 staff members participate in BARR training – Building Assets Reducing Risks, which covered prevention strategies for students at risk. We received a grant from the DOE to pay for the program and we are excited to kick it off.

Superintendent Suttie Officially welcomed Jason DiDonato, our Business Manager and Heidi Butler, Director of Special Education. We are very lucky to have them and we are off to a great start. The DOE application is due a week from tomorrow. We have a little bit of work to finish it up, but we will do that over the weekend. Either Eric or John will drive to Augusta to hand deliver it in time. We should know by the end of 2025 where we come out on the new list. Thank you to all of our leadership, teaching, custodial, and academic support staff for working all summer long. We had a lot of action at the school, which made it look like a regular school day. Thank you to Kevin and Mark for their hard work.

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

None

### **Board Presentation**

Superintendent Suttie reported on the Seagull Foundation. Please see video for full presentation.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the vote to send school construction applications to the Maine Dept of Education. All in favor, motion approved.

Peter Flaherty read the nomination of new hire, Matthew Beattie as a 1-year high school math teacher. A motion was made by Craig Evans to approve the nomination, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor, motion approved.

Barbara Roberge read the first reading of policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action. John stated that the new law simplifies the grievance process for pre-k through 12. Barbara also read Policy ACAA – Harassment of Students, ACAA-R1 – Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure, ACAA-R2 – Student Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure and JIE – Pregnant Students.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – David Boudreau stated they were informed about the pavilion. It is early in the season, there will be much to talk about next month.

Building Needs - Peter Flaherty reported that they met yesterday. We got a lot of work done this summer. The high school roof is 95% done and is coming in under budget. JES has a new parking lot and striping. The server upgrades are coming along well, but not completely finished yet. New dishwashers were installed at LMS and JES, both purchased through grants. The pavilion is close to being finished and will be completely done by October. The tennis courts by the high school are almost finished, which were also purchased with grant money. The score boards at the soccer and football fields will start on Tuesday and will be a 2-day project. All fields have been painted and in good shape. The janitorial staff has worked hard all summer long.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cathy Couture  
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

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John Suttie  
Superintendent