

RSU 23 School Board Minutes

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on October 17, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Craig Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Craig Evans, Peter Flaherty, Dave Boudreau, Barbara Roberge, Donna Moutsatsos, Student Representative Joana Massanga and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by David Boudreau and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the September 19, 2024, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie reported that we are hosting a flu clinic on Monday, October 21st from 2-4:30 at LMS. On Friday, we had our 3rd annual RSU 23 Staff Olympics. Great participation, the High School won its 3rd year in a row. We are completing our fall MTY assessments. The testing window closes on Wednesday, 10/25. Thank you to the teachers, technology department, and others for their help with this. Election day is Tuesday, November 5th. It will be a remote day for the High School. Finally, Superintendent Suttie acknowledged David Boudreau for his last official meeting. He has done a lot for us from the beginning, thank you for trusting and supporting us in our decision-making process.

Student Representative's Report

Joana reported about the Hydroponic lettuce being grown at the High School. Fall sports – golf has wrapped up and showed great improvement from last season. Girls soccer is heading into post season. Boys JV soccer has shown growth and their season is wrapping up as well. The cross-country team had a meet at St. Joseph's college yesterday. Football is in first place, play-offs start in 2 weeks. Winter sports sign-ups are in 2 weeks. The outing club took a trip to Shaw park, with Ms. Johnson and Ms. Skovran. This weekend they are heading to Kennebunkport. Natural Helpers is a new club led by Mr. Santamore. Robotics club will be attending a competition on 11/16 at York. Finally, we will have a Halloween costume contest. Whoever wins receives a gift card.

Board Presentation

Ben Harris, Principal and Bethany Rocheleau, Dean of Students, reported on the State of Jameson School. (See video for entire presentation).

Peter Flaherty commented on how great it is to see the resident teachers. Ben has been asked to speak at the Maine School Administrators Association conference next month.

Old Business

None

New Business

Peter Flaherty read the second readings of policies: ACAB 2024 – Harassment of Employees, ACAB R1 2024 – Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure, ACAB R2 2024 – Employee Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure, JFABD 2024 – Education of Homeless Students, and JFABD-R 2024 – Education of Homeless Students Procedure. David Boudreau made a motion to accept all policies as presented, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Finance - David Boudreau reported that the Finance Committee met this morning. The budget is on track, but insurance premiums are going up. This is his last meeting after 9 years. He stated that he took the budget on as a challenge. John really set the pace on change. The new school is definitely a plus. He has learned a lot from all of the board members over the years. John built a very good team which made their job easier. He feels he is leaving the school system better than when he came in. Thank you to everyone.

Building Needs – Craig Evans reported that they did not meet this month.


Adjournment

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

Minutes prepared by:

Cathy Couture
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie
Superintendent