

RSU 23 School Board Minutes

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on November 21, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nomination of School Board Chair & Vice Chair

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty to nominate Craig Evans as Board Chair, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos, all in favor, motion approved. A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos to nominate Barbara Roberge as Board Vice Chair, seconded by Santino Perrone. All in favor, motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Barbara Roberge to accept the minutes from the October 17, 2024, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Superintendent Suttie read a letter from Dr. Carol Marcotte from the University of New England recognizing RSU 23 and its educators.

Public Session

Erin Dupee, Special Education Ed Tech reported that on Friday, November 8th, representatives from RSU 23 were invited to the Paul Landry Foundation breakfast fundraiser, where they were presented with a check for \$5000 for the OOB High School Student Supply Closet. Last year's donation made it possible for students to have items such as socks, deodorant, hygiene products, etc. In addition, they were able to

purchase clothing for students to wear to their jobs, dresses for dances, etc., shoes, senior photo packages, etc. Ms. Dupee also reported that she, Barbara Roberge and Bethany Rocheleau attended a dinner at the Mason Lodge where they were presented with Hannaford cards in the amount of \$2100.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie began his report by congratulating Santino Perrone and Craig Evans for their election to the RSU 23 School Committee for a 3-year term. He then reported that the Department of Education is coming to our campus on Thursday, December 19th. This is the second step in the process for our state construction applications for new construction. They will be with us all day on the 19th. Once this is completed, our role in the process is done and it will be a waiting game to find out the results. We will hear back sometime in 2025. Congratulations to the OOB High School football team. This is the second state championship in 3 years. We are very proud of the coaches and players. Superintendent Suttie ended his report by thanking District Utility Worker, Mark Tidd and Groundskeeper, Gary Coreau, for the hard work in cleaning up all the leaves on campus in addition to get the campus ready for snow.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative, Joana Massanga reported that the fall sports season has ended and that the girls soccer team made it to the semi-finals, cross country had one runner qualify for states and finished in 11th place, football won the state championship. Winter sports started on Monday – JV and Varsity girls and boys basketball, and girls and boys ice hockey. Club updates – The robotics club competed at their first tournament and did well enough to advance to the Exhibitions on Saturday, January 16. The climbing club has its second event this month and throughout January and February, the skiing and snowboard clubs will be offered. This Sunday, the Outing Club will be heading to Albany, New Hampshire. The music department has been busy as well – the Jazz Band won a silver medal at their show and jazz band is starting during November as well. Finally, there will be a Holiday concert at the LMS gym on December 19.

Board Presentation

Principal Rodriguez, Dean of Students, Paul Santamore and OOBHS students, Ransom Randall, Hannah Webber & Ryan Oliver reported on the State of Old Orchard Beach High School (See video for entire presentation).

Old Business

None

New Business

Barbara Roberge read the first readings of policies: JIC-2021 – Student Code of Conduct, IKFA – Early Graduation, IHBAK – Life Sustaining Emergency Care, IJOC – School Volunteers and IJOC-E – School Volunteers Form.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Craig Evans reported that they did not meet this month.

Building Needs Committee – Peter Flaherty reported that they met yesterday and is happy to report that the High School roof project was completed in September, the pavilion should be complete soon, the tennis courts are dug up but is now completely done. The generator at the High School – ballards were installed to protect it. The fence behind the school is almost done as well.

Technology – donna reported none.

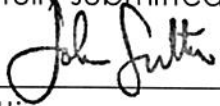
Adjournment

A motion was made by donna and seconded by barbara to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Cathy Couture
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie
Superintendent