

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on December 19, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

### **Correspondence**

Dr. Jim Babcock gave his resignation last week and will be leaving the district in January.

### **Public Session**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie reported that he and Assistant Superintendent Eric Hanson attended the Town Council meeting this week. They informed the Council of some collaborative projects going on including a new generator and the new warming shelter for Sally, our crossing guard. They talked about the pickle ball and tennis courts and the track. Finally, they updated the Council on the status of our DOE construction application.

Today, we had our visit with the DOE. Assistant Superintendent Eric Hanson, Kevin Girard and Superintendent Suttie spent about 7 hours walking through the buildings with them. They were very thorough and professional. They have our application and will let us know by the end of 2025. One member of the DOE commented on how great our Principals and Kevin Girard are. We left no stone unturned and now we will have to wait and see. Finally, Happy Holidays to all.

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

Joana Massanga reported that the winter sports season is well on its way with 3 girls and 2 boys teams. The theme for the Hiking Club this month is "Hiking, Hot Cocoa and Holiday Lights." Riley Provencher is the OOB high school student of the month for November. This week is holiday spirit week. Tomorrow at 2:45 will conclude the IXL competition and the winner will be announced.

### **Board Presentation**

Matt Foster, Tisha Kutcha, Jason Barriault and Heather Freeman reported on the state of Loranger Memorial School. (Please see video for full presentation).

Craig Evans stated how impressed he is with the work they are doing.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Barbara Roberge read the first readings of policy IJNDB – Student Computer and Internet Use and Internet Safety, IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules, EGAD – Copyright Compliance, and EGAD-R - Copyright Compliance Administrative Procedure.

Barbara Roberge then read the second readings of policy JIC – Student Code of Conduct, IKFA – Early Graduation, IHBK – Life Sustaining Emergency Care, IJOC – Student Volunteers, and IJOC-E – School Volunteers Form.

Santino Perrone made a motion, seconded by Peter Flaherty, to accept all second readings of policies as presented. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Building Needs Committee – None**

**Curriculum Committee** – Barbara Roberge reported that they met this week and went over the BARR program. They also discussed the Professional Development and wellness block. She also mentioned that the PD part is different each month. Assistant Superintendent Hanson is recruiting teachers to do the workshops and that is working out in a positive way.

**Finance Committee** – Craig Evans reported that they met this morning and the budget is on track. One area of concern is the nutrition program due to the rising costs.

**Technology Committee** - None

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Santino Perrone to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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