

RSU 23 School Board Minutes

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on March 20, 2025,
@ 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, Barbara Roberge, Santino Perrone, 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 Barbara Roberge to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2025, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Superintendent Suttie reported that he received a letter of resignation from Michael Rodriguez, Principal of OOB High School.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie introduced Jennifer McVeigh, our new School Psychologist. Welcome, Jenn! He then reiterated that we had our budget workshop the night before and that the video of the meeting is available online at the OOB Town Hall Website. Next he stated that we had 3 teachers from LMS scheduled to present at the New England League of Middle Schools Conference: Tisha Kuchta, John Nye and Heather Freeman. They will be reporting on the middle school's enrichment block, which allows student to participate in many activities such as: guitar, volleyball, automotive, etc. Good luck and Congratulations to all!

Superintendent Suttie then gave an update on the book group that is reading "The Anxious Generation". The next meeting is Monday, March 24. The 6-8 grade dance is tomorrow night at LMS. Lastly, 20 students are signed up for PreK as of yesterday afternoon.

Student Representative's Report

Joana Massanga reported that the Robotics club has ended their season. All winter sports are complete, with the exception of the boys basketball team, which qualified for states. Spring sports will be starting soon and the Outing Club has its next trip coming up on April 6. This week is spirit week at the High School, including a dance tomorrow night. Also, this week, 5 students were inducted into the National Honor Society and finally, Colby Thomas has been named student of the month for March.

Board Presentation

Matt Foster, Principal of LMS, gave an update on the proposed consolidated schedule (see video for full presentation).

Old Business

Eric Hanson, Assistant Superintendent, gave an update on the 25-26 school calendar.

New Business

Santino Perrone read the first readings of policies: GCOA – Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff and GCOC – Evaluation of Administrative Staff.

Barbara Roberge read policies: AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students, ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees, ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. These policies are reverting back to the 2020 Title IX policies, based on court decision.

Santino Perrone made a motion to accept the policies reverting back to 2020, as written. Donna Moutsatsos seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building Needs Committee: Donna Moutsatsos reported that they met this week and a document was sent for the roof and fire inspection, the middle school tennis courts are being handled by the Rec department. The high school courts are going to be resurfaced soon. The pavilion at the high school is finished. We received favorable news that the cost of propane has decreased. Paving between Jameson and Loranger will happen this summer.

Finance Committee: Craig Evans reported that they met today and reviewed the monthly budget. Financials appear to be in good shape overall; we are where we need to be at this time of year. They also discussed next year's budget. The biggest concern is for health insurance. This is the second year in a row that we will see a hefty increase. The final budget presentation is scheduled for April 17th and finally, teacher negotiations are still in progress.

Technology Committee: Superintendent Suttie reported that they did not meet this month.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Donna Moutsatsos and seconded by Santino Perrone to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Cathy Couture
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Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie
Superintendent