

RSU 23 School Board Minutes

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on May 15, 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, Peter Flaherty, Barbara Roberge, Santino Perrone and Superintendent John Suttie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Barbara Roberge to accept the minutes from the April 17, 2025, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Superintendent Suttie reported that Natalie Flynn, who has been with us for 3 years is leaving. We wish her well in her future endeavors. Shelby Gilleo is leaving us and heading back to Minnesota. Mr. John Nye is retiring after 35 years in RSU 23. Superintendent Suttie stated, He showed up with almost perfect attendance and used many moments as teaching moments. Thank you for your efforts, years and work. He will be very difficult to replace.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

This is a busy time of year. Monday night at 6pm is our Regional Budget Meeting. Tuesday, June 10th is the Budget Referendum. The only item on the ballot is the school budget. OOBHS spring concert is 5/21 at 6pm at OOBHS. Thursday, 5/22 is our annual RSU 23 OOB Senior Citizen dinner. Friday, May 23 is our special Olympics on Regina

Field. Also on 5/23 at 6pm is a play at LMS – Matilda Jr. There is also a show on Saturday at 1pm. Next month's board meeting is on Wednesday, June 11th at 6pm. The last student day is June 12th.

Student Representative's Report

None

Board Presentation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Donna Moutsatsos made a motion to accept new hire Olivia Hamilton, seconded by Barbara Roberge. All in favor, Motion approved.

Santino Perrone made a motion to accept new hire Cassandra McKiel, seconded by Peter Flaherty. All in favor, motion approved.

Santino Perrone made a motion to accept the probationary II teachers, seconded by Barbara Roberge. All in favor. Motion approved.

Santino Perrone made a motion to accept continuing teachers seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion approved.

Eric Hanson spoke regarding the approval of the application of a private insurance plan for PFML insurance pursuant to 26 M.R.S.A. §850-H.

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Santino Perrone to approve the substitution of a private insurance plan for PFML insurance pursuant to 26 M.R.S.A. §850-H. All in favor. Motion approved.

Barbara Roberge read the first reading of policy BEDJ – Broadcasting/Taping/Recording of Board Meetings, FA – Facilities Development Goals/Priority Objectives, FB – Facilities Planning, FD – Facilities Funding and Construction, FEA – Educational Specifications for Construction, and FFA – Memorials.

Building Needs Committee: Donna Moutsatsos reported that there are a lot of projects this summer. The high school pavilion is complete. The fields are being aerated and seeded. The middle school is getting new windows and making improvements to the door, as well as having lines painted on the driveway for pickup and drop-off and paving the middle school to Jameson walkway. The fences will be taken care of soon. The capital improvement renewal project – there will be new communication system in all schools and will be connected to the fire department.

Finance Committee – Peter Flaherty stated that they met today and discussed the monthly budget update from Jason DiDonato. Things are just about where they should be as far as expenditures and revenues. Negotiations for the teacher contract will meet on Monday and hopefully it will be accepted, otherwise we will have to go to mediation. May 19th is the Budget Referendum.

Santino Perrone asked for an update on the school construction project. Superintendent Suttie stated that he will let us know as soon as he hears. We do have contingency plans if needed.

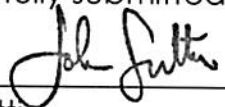
Adjournment

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Barbara Roberge to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Cathy Couture
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie
Superintendent