

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on September 18, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Barbara Roberge called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Peter Flaherty, Barbara Roberge, Santino Perrone, Student Representative Ransom Randall and Superintendent John Suttie.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Peter Flaherty to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2025, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Session**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie reported on the start of school. We faced the challenge of grades 3-8 starting on the same schedule. We had to re-route buses and traffic, but it has gone as best as it possibly could. Thank you to Mark Beaudoin for his amazing work with the bus scheduling, routes, hiring, etc. Everything was ready to go on day 1. Thank you to Matt Foster & Ben Harris for all their work around this process.

We are embarking on a brand-new state of the art emergency management alert system. Training will be in mid-October.

Thank you to Pam Pothier for her work installing our new district phone system.

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

Ransom Randall reported that our boys football team won their games against Orono and Boothbay. The girls soccer team won against Sacopee Valley and the boys soccer team won their first game against Traip Academy.

The marching band recently received 3 out of 5 stars at the first show at Waterhouse field. We will be hosting the band competition on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Student council met to discuss fall spirit week and homecoming themes and instead of decorating the hallways, we will be doing crash throughs.

Finally, the Science Department and Library team brought "Chunk" the inflatable whale to OOBHS. This is a giant inflatable that the students could walk through to learn the anatomy of a whale.

### **Board Presentation**

Ben Harris presented on the State of the Schools for Jameson Elementary School. (See video for full presentation).

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Santino Perrone made a motion to accept Leah Botko as the Director of Food & Nutrition Services, seconded by Peter Flaherty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Santino Perrone read the first readings of policies: ADA – School District Goals and Objectives, ADAA – School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior and LDA – Student Teaching and Internships.

Santino Perrone read the second readings of policies: JLCD – Administration of Medication to Students, KB – Parent Involvement in Education, KCB – Community Involvement in Decision Making and KDD – Media Relations.

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

**Building Needs Committee:** Superintendent Suttie reported that they did not meet this month.

**Finance Committee:** Peter Flaherty reported that the Finance Committee met today. Phone systems and fire/burglar alarms are almost complete. Year to date spending remains on track. The preliminary FY 24 financial report indicates that RSU 23 is in strong financial health and continues to operate in good financial standing.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Santino Perrone to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Barbara Roberge. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cathy Couture  
Executive Assistant to Superintendent

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John Suttie  
Superintendent