

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on October 16, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Craig Evans called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Craig Evans, Peter Flaherty, Barbara Roberge, Santino Perrone, Donna Moutsatsos, 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 Donna Moutsatsos to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2025, meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Session**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Suttie introduced Leah Botko, Food Service Director and welcomed her to our district.

There is a flu clinic available on 11/12/25 for staff and students at LMS.

Parent Teacher conferences are on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. Next week is School Bus Safety Week. We will be doing drills at each school and giving students scenarios to help with safety.

During our professional development day last week, we introduced Raptor Technologies to all our employees. We have increased our safety and security 100% in one day by using this app. It is in real time and it gives us an opportunity to communicate with all employees throughout the buildings. We are excited to continue to work with everyone. Craig Evans questioned if the police also get the alert at the same time. Superintendent Suttie confirmed that yes, they do receive the alert as well. We also spent time analyzing our student data, including standardized testing. Some of our staff also spent time getting CPR certified.

On Friday, Superintendent Suttie received guidance from the DOE on the new rules of what the state will fund in the new construction project compared to the last cycle. Fortunately, there were not a lot of significant changes; however, there are guidelines about what the state will pay for based on square footage per student. We do not know if they will keep the level of funding the same (100%). A committee has been formed to make school construction more affordable. He will keep us updated on the progress of this change

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

OOBHS will have a unified robotics team this year with a competition in March. The National Honor Society will be choosing their members this week. Last Saturday was Homecoming as well as the homecoming game against Lake Region. We won that 60 to 54. The boys' soccer team got their second season win against Poland. We also hosted the high school and middle school cross country events in the past couple of weeks.

### **Board Presentation**

Matt Foster, Principal of Loranger Memorial School reported on the state of the school. (See video for full presentation).

Craig Evans commented on the challenges he is taking on and asked if we have seen a trending improvement in attendance since Covid. Mr. Foster mentioned on how valuable missing "one day" can be. Barbara Roberge commented on how happy she is that the one schedule is working well. Santino Perrone also commented on how happy he is to hear that the bus schedule change is going so well.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Santino Perrone made a motion to approve all two-year contract extensions, as written. Motion seconded by Peter Flaherty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Santino Perrone made a motion to approve the one-year contract extension for Superintendent Suttie. Motion seconded by Peter Flaherty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Barbara Roberge read the first reading of Policy EBBB – Temperature Standards for School Buildings.

Santino Perrone read the second 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 made a motion to accept the second readings of all policies, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Building Needs Committee:** Peter Flaherty reported that they met on Wednesday and heard from Kevin Girard and Mark Beaudoin that the painting is done. He also commented on the efficiency of the traffic flow at Loranger and that the arrows and handicapped parking signs look great. The kitchen window was replaced. The lighting in the gym needs to be replaced as well. The phone system is 100% up and running. We are currently short one custodian, but that should be changing in the next couple of months.

**Finance Committee:** We are in very good shape. All schools are under budget, but there will be 3 pay days in October. At this time, we have spent 22.14% of the budget. We were under budget on the phone installation by \$68,000.

**Technology Committee:** This year we implemented a new plan to keep student devices working.

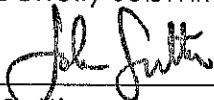
### Adjournment

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Peter Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 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