

## **RSU 23 School Board Minutes**

RSU 23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on November 20, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Superintendent Suttie called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.**

Peter Flaherty nominated Craig Evans as Board Chair and Barbara Roberge as Vice Chair, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor, motion approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Barbara Roberge to accept the minutes from the October 16, 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 that we maintained our standing as 3<sup>rd</sup> on the state construction priority list. They also approved the 2 projects ahead of us. Based on this information, we should be expecting information from the DOE in the next 12 months to get the green light to create a building committee and begin enrollment and land studies and hire an engineer and architect. We are the last school system standing for the next 5 years. We have done research on what the state will fund and we have

new procedures and protocols for what the state will approve. They go by so many square feet per child, so many students per classroom. Anything in addition to that would be a locally funded project. Anything additional such as a field or an auditorium, we would go to bond in our community. Right now we are once again in a holding pattern, but hopefully by November 2026 we should get the green light. We have gotten approval from the DOE to reach out to people that do enrollment projection studies, so we can get a leg up on that. Also, got the green light to appoint land surveyors to see how much buildable land we have adjacent to the high school and how much of that is wetlands and/or vernal pools, which could delay the project. Hopefully, by 2031-2032, we should be moving into a new school. Hopefully we can break ground in 2028, and it takes about 2 years to build a structure.

Thank you to the custodians while being shorthanded to keep schools clean. Thank you for your hard work.

We are very proud to announce that we will be providing 70 Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Next Tuesday they will be delivered. Thanks to Leah Botko and Diana Asanza for your work.

Lastly, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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

Student Representative, Ransom Randall reported that the robotics team had a competition where they placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall. The girls soccer team made it to their first playoff game against Madawaska, but after a heartfelt match, lost. The boys football team had an incredible season and put up a great fight against Stearns. Wesley Gallant received the Campbell Conference Player of the Year for his performance this season.

The Brownrigg library had an intellectual freedom writing contest. The 2 winners were Alayna Robichaud & Jaival Patel. They will receive a plaque at the end of the year.

Over the past week the High School has been collecting food to give away for Thanksgiving and finally, juniors and seniors are selling poinsettias and wreaths.

### **Board Presentation**

Superintendent Suttie presented on Raptor Technologies. (See video for entire presentation).

Jeremie Sirois, Principal of OOBHS presented on the State of the School. (See video for entire presentation).

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Barbara Roberge read the second reading of policy EBBD – Temperature Standards for School Buildings. Santino Perrone made a motion to approve the second reading of policy EBBD, seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Building Needs Committee:** Peter Flaherty reported that they did not meet this month.

**Finance Committee:** Peter Flaherty reported that they met this morning. Our budget is currently at 32.4% and should be at 33.3%. October financials show 3 payrolls. Next month we will have discussions about the budget timeline for FY 27.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. 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