



RSU 23 School Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2026

RSU 23 School Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on June 10, 2026

I) Call to Order

Board Chair Craig Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Board Chair Craig Evans, Board Vice Chair Barbara Roberge, Board Member Peter Flaherty, Board Member Santino Perrone, RSU 23 Superintendent John Suttie

Members Absent: Student Representative Ransom Randall

II) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Santino Perrone and seconded by Peter Flaherty to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2026 meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

IV) Adjustments to the Agenda - None

V) Correspondence - None

VI) Public Session

Brody Vance, 8th Grader at Loranger Middle School, spoke about the RSU 23 Special Olympics

VII) Superintendent's Report

- The RSU 23 Budget was approved on June 9, 2026 with a 79% approval rating.
- RSU 23 Special Olympics: The superintendent thanked Kacey Levesque, the RSU 23 staff, our amazing volunteers, and first responders for making this year's Special Olympics an unforgettable community celebration.
- Congratulations to the Class of 2026 on their graduation and for their hard work in helping to coordinate a memorable graduation experience.

Important upcoming dates:

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| ○ Last Day of School: | June 16 (early release day) |
| ○ First Day of School for Grades 1-9: | August 31 |
| ○ First Day of School for Grades 10-12: | September 1 |
| ○ First Day of School for Kindergarten: | September 2 |
| ○ First Day of School for Pre-K: | September 3 |
| ○ Holiday, Friday before Labor Day Weekend: | September 4 |

VIII) Student Representative's Report

No presentation. Chair Evans took the opportunity to express the Board's sincere appreciation to Ransom Randall for his valuable contributions, and active participation on the Board, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

IX) Board Presentations

- Eric Hanson, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2027 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal funds, and announced the opening of the summer application cycle. These federal grant funds will support supplemental programming to improve educational outcomes for all students outside of the regular education and special education classrooms. The application opens in June and closes on August 1. Parents, students and stakeholders are encouraged to share feedback about programming regarding the allocation of ESEA funds for consideration.

Questions:

- Board Chair Evans inquired about the nature of stakeholder feedback received in previous years. Assistant Superintendent Eric Hanson noted that while general public commentary has typically been minimal, the primary feedback has historically been driven by teachers, principals, and district-level leaders.
- Donna Moustasous questioned how the feedback surveys are distributed to district parents. Mr. Hanson explained that the surveys are primarily made available through two digital channels: 1) the official RSU 23 website 2) the ReachMyTeach communication platform.

To further increase visibility and community engagement, Ms. Moustasous suggested posting the announcement on the digital school signs to which Mr. Hanson agreed.

X) Old Business

None

XI) New Business

1. Accept/Certify Election Results

MOTION: Donna Moustasous, SECONDED: Santino Perrone. No discussion, motion carried.

2. Approval of Assistant Superintendent Employment Contract, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2031

MOTION: Peter Flaherty, SECONDED: Santino Perrone. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Allocating Funding for Loranger Memorial School Boiler Replacement (Ms. Moustasous added that the cost would be \$74,000)

MOTION: Santino Perrone, SECONDED: Donna Moustasous. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Nomination of New Hire(s)

- Andrew Rosado (1.0 FTE 7-12 Math Teacher)

- MOTION: Santino Perrone, SECONDED: Peter Flaherty. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - 5. Policies: Second Readings and Approval presented by Barb Roberge
 - a. BEDH - Public Comment at School Board Meetings
 - b. JICJ - Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices in Schools read by Barb Roberge
- MOTION: Santino Perrone, SECONDED: Barb Roberge. All in favor. Motion carried.

XII) Committee Reports

Building Needs Committee:

Donna Moustasous stated that the bid for the LMS Boiler Project from Port City Mechanical was accepted at \$74,000. Summer custodial projects include interior and exterior painting at Jameson and LMS as well as some small flooring projects in the clinic.

Finance Committee:

Peter Flaherty stated that the budget at this time should be expended at 91.67%, but we are operating slightly below that at 89.66%. The Special Education budget is running a little over due to Maine Care seed expenses. We have received the final FY 2024 audit from RKO and ended the year with a surplus of \$115,705 after funding.

The Next board meeting is scheduled to be held in August, unless it is necessary to hold one earlier.

XIII) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Santio Perrone at 6:21 PM and seconded by Donna Moustasous. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Margot Margarones
Board Secretary

John Suttie
Superintendent of Schools