



RSU 23 School Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2026

RSU 23 School Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on August 20, 2026

I) Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Board Chair Craig Evans, Board Vice Chair Barbara Roberge, Board Member Peter Flaherty, Board Member Santino Perrone, Board Member Donna Moutsatsos, Student Representative Mia Perez, RSU 23 Superintendent John Suttie

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 June 10, 2026 meeting as written. All in favor. Motion approved.

IV) Adjustments to the Agenda

- Removed Taylor Boynton (LMS Social Worker) from the new hire nominations list following her resignation due to a family situation.
- Corrected the school assignment for Sydney Beecher (Grade 3 Teacher) to Loranger Memorial School (LMS) from Jameson Elementary School (JES).

V) Correspondence

None

VI) Public Session

None

VII) Superintendent's Report

- Summer Facilities & Transportation Operations: Congratulations were extended to Kevin Girard, Mark Beaudoin, and the facilities and transportation teams for their outstanding work across campus over the summer.
- School Construction Project Update
Funding Status: RSU 23 remains on standby for state funding confirmation
Superintendent Suttie and Assistant Superintendent Hanson will continue attending state-level meetings until funds are finalized.

Educational Envisioning Committee: As part of the building project design process, the district is establishing an Educational Envisioning Committee to define the vision for the new facility.

- Leadership: The committee will be led by Eric Hanson, supported by educational consultant Fran Locker.
- Composition & Schedule: Composed of 30–35 district stakeholders, the group will convene monthly from September through December.
- **Important Upcoming Dates:**
 - August 27 & 28: RSU 23 Professional Development Days
 - August 27: JES Open House @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
 - August 31: First Day of School for Grades 1-9
 - September 1: First Day of School for Grades 10-12
 - September 2: First Day of School for Kindergarten
 - September 3: First Day of School for Pre-K
 - September 4: No School, Labor Day Weekend
 - September 16: LMS Open House @ 5 PM
 - September 16: OOBHS Open House @ 6 PM

VIII) Student Representative's Report, Mia Perez

- **Athletics & Summer Camps:** The Boys and Girls Basketball teams participated in overnight summer camps. Fall sports practices are officially underway for football, soccer, and cross country.
- **Senior Class Events:** Senior parking space painting is scheduled for August 27–29, followed by the Senior Sunrise event on September 3.
- **Guidance & Scheduling:** Ms. Preston is actively holding student meetings for class Add/Drop requests and schedule adjustments.
- **PTO Operations:** The PTO is currently recruiting volunteers to staff the football snack shack for the upcoming season.

IX) Board Presentations, Assistant Superintendent Eric Hanson

- **Recreation & Extended Learning:** Summer operations saw high engagement, with 80 students participating in extended learning programs alongside active school and community recreation offerings.
- **Nutrition Services:** Free breakfast and lunch were provided to children aged 0–18. RSU 23 served 6,200 total meals this summer, representing a 33% increase compared to last year.
- **Facilities & Maintenance:** The Loranger Memorial School (LMS) boiler project is currently running ahead of schedule and under budget. Additionally, grounds maintenance was completed across 32 acres of campus land.
- **Staffing:** RSU 23 will welcome 19 new staff members for the upcoming school year.

X) Old Business

None

XI) New Business

1. Nomination of New Hires with Adjustments

Sydney Beecher - Teacher, Grade 3, LMS

Whitney Geleney - Teacher, ELA/Multilingual, OOBHS

Bryar Tipton - Teacher, Music, OOBHS

Derek Gendreau - Teacher, Special Education, LMS

Heather Martel-Balfour - Dean of Students, JES

Mia Delaney - Teacher, Grade 3, LMS

Motion for approval of new hires made by Santino Perrone. Seconded by Barb Roberge. All in favor. Motion approved.

2. Policies First Reading:

AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students

ACAA-R - Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment
Complaint Procedures

ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees

ACAB-R - Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment
Complaint Procedures

JJIF - Management of Concussions

JLF - Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting, Prevention and Education

JLF-E - Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect Report Form

Model Policy for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response

XII) Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee:

- Annual Audit: The district financial audit is scheduled to be conducted in September.
- Boiler Project: The boiler project came in significantly under budget at under \$125,000, compared to original estimates of \$150,000–\$200,000.

2. Building Needs Committee:

- Facility Upgrades: A new boiler was successfully installed at Loranger Memorial School (LMS), interior and exterior painting was completed across district facilities, and a new floor was installed in the OOBHS nurse's office.
- Grounds Maintenance: Campus fields were fully aerated and seeded over the summer.

XIII) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Santino Perrone to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM and seconded by Donna Moutsatsos. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Margot Margarones
Board Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:

John Suttie
Superintendent of Schools