



RSU 23 School Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Old Orchard Beach Town Hall

I) Call to Order

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

Roll Call: 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, as written, the meeting minutes from August 20, 2026. All in favor. Motion approved.

IV) Adjustments to the Agenda - No adjustments to the agenda

V) Correspondence - No Correspondence

VI) Public Session - None

VII) Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Suttie and Assistant Superintendent Hanson are attending meetings in Augusta regarding school construction and state funding, and will provide updates on the distribution of funds as soon as those updates are available. Progress on the school construction project continues with a series of four Educational Envisioning Committee meetings taking place in September, October, November and December.
- Congratulations to Leah Botko for being recognized in the National Food Service Quarterly for her work with RSU23 on eating locally sourced foods. Leah also presented at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY over the summer.
- Flu Clinics will be held on October 5th & 6th at RSU 23

VIII) Student Representative's Report

- Student Representative Mai Perez reported on key campus updates, including upcoming open houses, state testing dates, homecoming and Spirit Week planning. She also highlighted the Mum Fundraiser, the Best Buddies program, the UNE College Fair, and the latest on the RSU 23 sports teams.

IX) Board Presentation

- JES Principal Benjamin Harris and Dean of Students Heather Balfour reported on the

[State of the Schools at Jameson Elementary School](#) and cited an average daily attendance rate of 95%, consistent academic growth across NWEA assessment scores, a reduction in restraint and seclusion, and an increase in family partnerships.

X) Old Business - None

XI) New Business

1. Policies: First Reading - read by Santino Perrone
 - IJOA - Field Trips and Other Student Travel
 - JCLD - Administration of Medication to Students
2. Policies: Second Reading - read by Barbara Roberge and Santino Perrone
 - 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

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty to accept the policies (AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB, ACAB-R, JJIF, JLF, JLF-E, Model Policy for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response) as written. The motion was seconded by Santino Perrone.

XII) Committee Reports

1. Building Needs Committee - Donna Mousatsos provided an update on the late August pipe burst at LMS which caused significant damage to the gym floor. Two contractors were hired for plumbing and floor repairs, costing approximately \$50,000. Insurance will cover the expense minus a \$15,000 deductible.
2. Finance Committee - Peter Flaherty
RSU 23 remains below budget through August at 14.68%. Technology spending is high due to the purchase of fall equipment and licenses. CDS revenue and expenses will be reflected in a different fund this year, not in the general fund.

XIII) Adjournment

- At 6:39 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Santino Perron and seconded by Donna Mousatsos