

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Dave Galli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Chair Dave Galli, Dan Cabral, Gary Curtis, Beth Johnston, Jim Boisvert, Skip Cushman, Lorraine Whelan, Director of Operations Mike Pulsifer, Superintendent Mike Lafortune, and Business Manager Sharon Laflamme.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Skip Cushman and seconded by Gary Curtis to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2009 meeting with the addition of Skip Cushman in attendance. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Public Session

None

Correspondence

Expenditure Report

The finance committee met prior to the Board meeting. Expenses are on target; the revenue is behind a little due to the State's slowness with sending out subsidy checks.

MSMA 2009 Fall Conference

Superintendent Lafortune noted the MSMA 2009 Fall Conference information included in the Boards packet. He asked if any Board members' were interested in attending to let Central Office know for registration.

MSMA 'Issues in Focus' Newsletter

Superintendent Lafortune highlighted the newsletter. Board member Gary Curtis added that the EPS amount within the newsletter is the minimal amount not the optimum amount.

DOE Informational Letter #31

Superintendent Lafortune referenced DOE Informational Letter #31. He stated that one of the items was a \$56 million dollar reduction in State subsidy. There were suggestions within the letter for Board members to consider should this happen.

October Curriculum Newsletter

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carol Marcotte highlighted her newsletter. She updated the Board on RSU #23 Family Math Night stating that over 200 K-2 students and parents shared an evening of mathematical fun and learning. Carol also explained that Maine has joined New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont in the yearly development and administration of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP).

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MEA Testing Information

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carol Marcotte introduced a PowerPoint presentation highlighting MEA comparisons. Nine local school districts were compared to the State average. In most grade levels and areas Saco, Dayton, and Old Orchard Beach met or exceeded the State average. In the areas that the State average was not met, those results will be further examined.

Carol also stated she is consistently looking at curriculum to see if any gaps need to be filled.

Superintendent's Report

2009-2010 Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune reported at this time we are just waiting on the State to decide its budget cuts.

H1N1 Update

Superintendent Lafortune stated that the seasonal flu vaccines have been offered and currently the district is waiting on the H1N1 vaccine. Currently the scheduling of the H1N1 vaccine is mid to late November when we receive our allotment.

Old Business

Discussion on Kyle Drive (Dayton) Bus Route

Director of Transportation Mike Garrity spoke on the Bus Stop on Kyle Drive. He stated his recommendation is to abide by the current policy. A discussion referencing a safety issue followed. No motion was made to change the policy. There was a request from the Board that the Transportation Department look into how to deal with Daycare facilities that have the same concern.

New Business

Alternative Energy Study for Old Orchard Beach

Jean Leclerc requested approval to set up an anemometer tower on Old Orchard Beach School grounds. She explained that the Alternative Energy subcommittee would like to involve the students by having them analyze data.

Board Member Gary Curtis commented on the sites that were presented to put the tower on. He doesn't believe the three (3) sites that are suggested would work as well as maybe another site. Superintendent Lafortune stated we should strongly consider the safety of the guide wires.

The Board supports the wind study initiative with placement of the test tower being under the Offices of the Superintendent.

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Old Orchard Beach Conservation Commission's request to place an antenna tower on Old Orchard Beach School Grounds. The site of said tower installation is to be subject of the approval of the O.O.B. High School Principal and the Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

O.O.B. High School Weighted Grades Proposal

Principal Rick Difusco spoke stating his support on the weighted grade proposal. Jen Bartlett presented the proposal and provided a handout to the Board defining the history, rationale, comparison, courses offered, and the number of students taking these courses. The Board commended the committee for their efforts and for bringing this to the Board.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Jim Boisvert to accept the weighted grades proposal as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

1st Reading of Policy JFC-Dropout Prevention Student Withdrawal

Board member Beth Johnston reviewed policy JFC-Dropout Prevention Student Withdrawal Policy with the Board.

A motion was made by Skip Cushman and seconded by Gary Curtis to accept the 1st reading of JFC-Dropout Prevention Student Withdrawal Policy as an RSU #23 Policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

1st Reading of Policy JLCB-Immunization of Students and JLC-Communicable/Infectious Diseases Policy

Board member Gary Curtis reviewed policies JLCB-Immunization of Students and JLC-Communicable/Infectious Diseases with the Board.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the 1st reading of JLCB-Immunization of Students and JLC-Communicable/Infectious Diseases Policies as RSU #23 policies. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

1st Reading of ADC-Tobacco Use and Possession Policy

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the 1st reading of the ADC-Tobacco Use and Possession Policy as an RSU #23 policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

1st Reading of Policy JICH-Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Policy

A motion was made by Skip Cushman and seconded by Beth Johnston to accept the 1st reading of the JICH-Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Policy as an RSU #23 policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Consensus to use current policies in each respected community until said policies are updated by the RSU #23 Board

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A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Gary Curtis to accept the usage of current policies in each respected community until said policies are updated by the RSU #23 Board. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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O.O.B. High School French Trip

Lindsay Butler presented her French Trip request to the Board. A written request highlighting the trip and a daily schedule were provided to the Board within their Board packets.

A motion was made by Jim Boisvert and seconded by Gary Curtis to provide the Old Orchard Beach French Department permission to organize a trip to Quebec for the 2009-2010 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Saco Middle School Spanish Trip

Leah Carrier presented her Spanish trip to New York City to the Board. A written request highlighting the trip and itinerary was provide to the Board within their Board packets.

A motion was made by Jim Boisvert and seconded by Skip Cushman to provide the Saco Middle School Spanish Department permission to organize a trip to New York City for the 2009-2010 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Nomination of New Teacher Hires for RSU #23

Prior to the nomination of new teacher hires, Superintendent Lafortune informed the Board the Gifted and Talented position was a new position and the ESL position is an expanded position.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Beth Johnston to accept the superintendents' nomination of Peter Barricelli as Gifted and Talented Teacher for RSU #23, Susan Hatch as ESL Teacher for RSU #23, and Tammy Hilton as Title I English Teacher for RSU #23. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Nomination of Fall Coaches for RSU #23

A motion was made by Lorraine Whelan and seconded by Gary Curtis to accept the Superintendents recommendation of Bethany Cyr as Winter Cheerleading Team Coach at Saco Middle School, Terri Cameron as Boys Basketball Coach at Saco Middle School, Richard Belanger as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Saco Middle School, Leonard Bertrand as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Saco Middle School, Darci Mccrum as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at Saco Middle School, Heath Floyd as 7th Grade Girls Soccer Coach at Loranger Middle School, Kyle Raincourt as 7th And 8th Grade Boys Soccer Coach at Loranger Middle School, Ron Regula as 8th Grade Girls Soccer Coach at Loranger Middle School, Sam Lewis as Football Assistant at Loranger Middle School, Mike Perrion as Football Assistant at Loranger Middle School. and Dean Plante as 7th Grade Girls Baseball at Loranger Middle School. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Board Chair Dave Galli updated the Board on the last Advisory Council meeting held on September 17th. He stated that Opening Day and Professional Workshops were reviewed and the main focus of the meeting was RTI and brainstorming district events.

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Executive Session

Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA § 405 (6)(a) Employment of Officials

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Dan Cabral to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Out of Executive Session

A motion was made by Skip Cushman and seconded by Jim Boisvert to exit Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Results of Executive Session

No action taken

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Lynn Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Michael Lafortune,
Superintendent