

# RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Saco City Hall on November 10, 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 Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to approve the minutes from the October 13, 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 and in good shape.

## **Certification of Completion of Freedom of Access Training**

Information was enclosed within each Board packet explaining what each Board member would need to proceed toward completion of said training. Superintendent Lafortune explained that all Board members are required to participate in this training.

## **Young School Volunteer**

Principal Harrison provided the Board with a list of volunteers and their hours for the month of October. Total volunteer hours were 475. The Board thanked all volunteers for their time and hard work.

## **Letter from Dayton**

A letter, signed by the Board of Selectman for Dayton, was provided to the Board requesting that some of the Board meetings be held in Dayton.

Upon earlier discussions on this subject the rationale had been that since there is no television coverage in Dayton the Board meeting would be held in Saco and Old Orchard Beach with the Board Workshop being held in Dayton. Board member Gary Curtis stated that Dayton was suppose to be receiving information and DVD recordings of each Board meeting so that they may be posted for town residents on their website.

Board Chair Dave Galli suggested a workshop in Dayton to discuss how to better serve and inform Dayton residents. He also suggested that communication in general would

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be on the Board Agenda. Board member Gary Curtis requested that Superintendent Lafortune check into the DVD situation for Dayton.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### ***2009-2010 Budget Update***

Superintendent Lafortune reported that curtailment for the 2009-2010 budget would be about \$38 million. For 2010-2011 curtailment looks to be about 2 to 3 times the 2009-2010 amount. He stated that brainstorming would need to happen for ideas on dealing with the curtailments.

Board member Gary Curtis stated that he sent a letter to Commissioner Gendron suggesting a meeting take place in this area to obtain information and input from the public. He also suggested putting a suggestion box on our website where the public could submit ideas.

### **H1N1 Update**

Nurse Jackie Tselikis reported on the H1N1 flu clinics increase in flu-like illnesses. She stated that there have been reports of H1N1 cases in our schools. Seasonal flu vaccines have happened and H1N1 vaccines are currently being offered. Jackie explained that there has been positive responses to the vaccination process and about 45% of our students have participated. Superintendent Lafortune thanked Jackie and commended all RSU #23 nurses for their time and efforts.

### **Consolidation**

Superintendent Lafortune stated to the Board that consolidation is working for RSU #23 students. He reviewed the November vote percentages with the Board, (Dayton-77%, OOB-67%, and Saco-72%).

### **Old Business**

**None**

### **New Business**

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Beth Johnston and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of JFC-Dropout Prevention Student Withdrawal Policy as an RSU #23 Policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of JLCB-Immunization of Students and JLC-Communicable/Infectious Diseases Policies as RSU #23 policies. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of ADC-Tobacco Use and Possession Policy**

A motion was made by Beth Johnston and seconded by Gary Curtis to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ADC-Tobacco Use and Possession Policy as an RSU #23 policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy JICH-Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Policy**

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the JICH-Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Policy as an RSU #23 policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Board member Gary Curtis highlighted the Procedure stating Saco, Dayton, and Old Orchard Beach policies have been considered, taking the best of each along with State examples to create each policy.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy EBCC-Bomb Threats and JLCD-Administration of Medication to Students**

Superintendent Lafortune reviewed policies EBCC-Bomb Threats and JLCD-Administration of Medication to Students with the Board.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Beth Johnston to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policies EBCC-Bomb Threats and JLCD-Administration of Medication to Students. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Request for an Additional Maintenance Person for RSU #23**

Maintenance Director Mike Garrity asked the Board to consider his request for an additional Maintenance person. He explained to the Board that compared to other towns we are well below the average. Work Orders have gone from 30, waiting average to 130 waiting. Currently we are hiring outside contractors to do the work an extra maintenance person could perform. The hope is that the savings from not using as much outside help would help cover the new person. He explained that preventative maintenance is key.

Board member Beth Johnston questioned the savings and if it will cover a new hire. She stated that she would like a report at the end of the year showing a comparison of savings.

A motion was made by Jim Boisvert and seconded by Gary Curtis to accept Superintendents recommendation to hire an additional maintenance person for RSU #23. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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## **Nomination of New Teacher Hire for RSU #23**

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the Superintendents' nomination of Amanda Dube as High School English Teacher at O.O.B. High School. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Nomination of Winter Coaches for RSU #23**

A motion was made by Dan Cabral and seconded by Jim Boisvert to accept the Superintendents recommendation of Jen Paul as Indoor Track Coach at Saco Middle School, Lindsay Wirsing as Indoor Track Coach at Saco Middle School, Pattie Demaria as Indoor Track Coach at Saco Middle School, Heidi Pare as Head Swim Coach for Saco Middle School, Jay Kelley as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's Basketball Coach at Loranger Middle School, and Dean Plante as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach at Loranger Middle School. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

## **Workshop on 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 Budget**

Superintendent Lafortune asked the Board for a couple dates to hold Budget Workshops. It was decided to put suggestion dates out to obtain a consensus.

## **Technology Update**

Technology Director Laurie Underwood presented State of Technology for RSU #23 and Summer Work. She updated the Board on the implementation of ADS. Also the Board was updated on training of new staff and the turnout at Summer Institute.

Additional updates for the Board on technology work are as follows:

- The server was moved to Burns School as we separate from the City and all servers were updated with the name change to RSU #23.
- For MLTI, 500 MacBooks were configured and distributed to Saco Middle School. The G-4 Mac's were reconfigured from last years' Saco Middle School students to this years' Elementary School students. Staff also purchased some MacBook's with a \$3,000 profit incurred.
- Old Orchard Beach schools transitioned to First Class, a new fiber connection was installed, and a new Firewall for software security was in place.
- Nutrikids and Powerschool was upgraded
- Kris Stryker constructed laptop carts for one hundred and twenty dollars cheaper than purchasing.

Technology work that was in process included the following:

- Upgrades are still needed on Old Orchard Beach's network

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- Old Orchard Beach upgrades on wiring, network Bay Station, replacement of fiber connections and Staff Development for all Districts

The Board was shown the websites created for each school by the school. Board member Gary Curtis thanked Laurie for her in depth presentation.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Advisory Council**

Board Chair Dave Galli updated the Board on the last Advisory Council meeting held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated that site-based development was discussed and proposals were shared for the next school year along with the 5-year plan.

### **Legislative Report**

Committee member Gary Curtis stated that he asked Commissioner Gendron to come and talk to the RSU #23 Board. He explained the State was considering doing away with budget validation. One option was for the RSU to come up with a budget then that budget would go to the councils for each town.

### **Facilities**

Committee member Gary Curtis explained the modular should be up and running by the first of the year.

Committee member Skip Cushman stated a plan of action for each building would be discussed in the future.

## **Other**

### **System Analysis**

It was requested that the Board give the Superintendent authority to contract with a system analysis company for an analysis of where RSU #23 is and what RSU #23 will need for the future.

Board member Beth Johnston asked what the cost would be. Superintendent Lafortune stated he would acquire bids and inform the Board of the bids.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Jim Boisvert to give the Superintendent authority to contract with a system analysis company for an analysis of where RSU #23 is and what RSU #23 will need for the future. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

### **Executive Session**

Employment of Officials pursuant to Title 1, MRSA § 405 (6)(a) and Labor Contract negotiations in Accordance with 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (d)

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

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## Out of Executive Session

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to exit Executive Session at 9:03 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 9:05 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

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Lynn Ouellette,  
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



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Michael Lafortune,  
Superintendent