

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Saco City Hall on
January 12, 2010 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, Skip Cushman, Lorraine Whelan, Beth Johnston, Jim Boisvert, 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 Jim Boisvert to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

- Retirement Letter
- Retirement Incentive

Correspondence

Expenditure Report

The finance committee met prior to the Board meeting. Expenditures were projected to be 50% and currently they are at 47%. The Board reviewed and discussed expenses and balances on Accounts. Since expenditures are on track the district should be able to handle the shortfall.

Young School Volunteer

Principal Harrison provided the Board with a list of volunteers and their hours for the month of December. Total volunteer hours were 337.50. The Board thanked all volunteers for their time and hard work.

Old Orchard Beach Planning Board Letter for the Alternate Education Modular Building

Superintendent Lafortune informed the Board on the progress of moving the Alternate Education program to a modular building. He is hoping to obtain the approval from the Old Orchard Beach Planning Board to proceed.

Thank You Letter to Commissioner Gendron

Board member Gary Curtis highlighted a letter enclosed for the Boards review. This letter was sent to Commissioner Gendron thanking her for taking time out to present to representatives from 11 different school districts a realistic picture of what to expect in the next few years.

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Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

2010-2011 Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune reported the district is passed the half way mark with working on the current budget. Progress is proceeding well.

2010-2011 Administrative Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune stated that at Administrative meetings discussions on where to make cuts referencing saving money have been very successful. He explained that information coming in from the State looks better then previously thought. Additional information should be forthcoming in February.

Scheduling of Budget Workshops

Superintendent Lafortune stated that Budget Workshops need to be scheduled. He explained to the Board the process previously used for Budget Workshops.

Board member Beth Johnston suggested everyone should write down dates of availability so a list can be compiled to choose from.

Old Business

None

New Business

1st Reading of BEC-Executive Sessions and EEA-Student Transportation Policy

Board member Gary Curtis highlighted both policies for the Board.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Jim Boisvert to accept the 1st Reading of BEC-Executive Sessions Policy. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Dan Cabral to accept the 1st Reading of EEA-Student Transportation Policy with removal of Saco Board to RSU #23 Board. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

2nd Reading of JICIA-Weapons, Violence and School Safety and JK-Student Discipline Policy

Board member Beth Johnston highlighted the 1st Reading of JICIA-Weapons, Violence and School Safety and JK-Student Discipline policy. Superintendent Lafortune requested removal of a section of the 1st paragraph.

A motion was made by Beth Johnston and seconded by Jim Boisvert to accept the 1st reading of JICIA-Weapons, Violence and School Safety and JK-Student Discipline as an RSU #23 policy with the removal requested by Superintendent Lafortune. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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Committee Reports

Advisory Council

Cancelled

Retirement Letter

A letter was enclosed for the Board's review referencing Principal Rick Talbot's retirement. The Board accepted the letter.

Retirement Incentive

Superintendent Lafortune asked the Board to offer teachers of Retirement age an incentive.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the Superintendent's request of a retirement incentive to teachers of retirement age. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Legislative Report

Committee member Gary Curtis reported that Commissioner Gendron stated a freeze was put on penalty funds. However the State is hoping to release these funds by July 1, 2010. Our districts share should be about \$300,000.

Facilities

Committee member Gary Curtis reported that voting to accept placement on the Alternate Education Modular Building was priority.

Health Leadership Team

Minutes from the Health Leadership Team were enclosed for the Board's review. Board Chair Dave Galli updated the Board on the last Health Leadership Team meeting. He stated a yoga class has started and a Biggest Loser contest will begin shortly.

Board member Gary Curtis stated that he has heard from several area schools wishing to discuss collaboration with the Health Team.

Executive Session

Employment of Officials/Appointees/Employees in Accordance with 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (a)

A motion was made by Skip Cushman and seconded by Dave Galli to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Out of Executive Session

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Jim Boisvert to exit Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Results of Executive Session

No action taken

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Lynn Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Michael LaFortune,
Superintendent