

RSU 23 Board Minutes

**RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall on
December 08, 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, Skip Cushman, Lorraine Whelan, Beth Johnston, 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 Lorraine Whelan to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting. 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. Superintendent Lafortune projected 42% and the expenditures are currently at 38.92%.

RSU #23 November/December Curriculum Newsletter

Curriculum Director Carol Marcotte highlighted her curriculum report enclosed for the Board's review.

Young School Volunteer

Principal Harrison provided the Board with a list of volunteers and their hours for the month of November. Total volunteer hours were 364.25. The Board thanked all volunteers for their time and hard work.

Health Leadership Team Minutes

Minutes from the Health Leadership Team were enclosed for the Board's review.

Superintendent's Report

2009-2010 Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune reported that a budget workshop took place the previous week in Dayton. He updated the Board that State Subsidy will be cut by \$866,000. Since a freeze is currently in place, Business Manager Sharon LaFlamme provided a projection. She stated that RSU #23 should be able to withstand this reduction by being diligent and cautious.

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2010-2011 Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune stated that 2010-2011 would be a cliff year and the 2010-2011 school year budget could be two to three times the current cut. The following are actions that will be taken:

- Several committees formed to look at class size;
- Administration ratio;
- Possible open enrollment;
- Outsource Maintenance & Custodians;
- Creative thinking will be key

Board Member Gary Curtis encouraged the public to participate in the budget development workshops. He reminded all that Commissioner Susan Gendron will be at Old Orchard Beach High School on January 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the future of schools and budget cuts. Superintendent Lafortune provided the Board with some suggestions that had been shared by the State to assist with the cuts.

National Middle School Conference

Principal Rick Talbot along with teachers Lisa Hall and Cristy Beaupre provided the Board with a presentation highlighting the National Middle School Conference they attended. They explained that a Middle School was visited and the following comparisons were made with our Middle Schools.

- Class sizes;
- Curriculum and staff development;
- Emphasis on fostering a positive environment;
- Huge incentive program;
- Tips for teachers were shared;
- Collaboration with teachers from all states

Old Business

System Analysis

Superintendent Lafortune handed out information on a technology System Analysis that Mike Pulsifer had been working on. Three bids were presented to the Board for update.

New Business

Recognition

- Superintendent Lafortune read the plaque from the Curriculum Association honoring Carol Marcotte as Curriculum Director of the year.
- Superintendent Lafortune congratulated Julie Smyth for being chosen as Vice Principal of the year.

Representative George Hogan read the Legislation sentiment to Dr. Carol Marcotte. It highlighted her long list of accomplishments. She was congratulated and presented with the award.

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Representative George Hogan read the senate/legislative award to Julie Smyth congratulating and presenting her with the award.

1st 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 a portion be removed from page four left in by MSMA.

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Gary Curtis 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.

2nd Reading of Policy EBCC-Bomb Threats and JLCD-Administration of Medication to Students

Board member Gary Curtis highlighted the 2nd Reading of JLCD-Administration of Medication to Students policy.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to accept the 2nd reading of policies EBCC-Bomb Threats and JLCD-Administration of Medication to Students. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Schedule a Workshop on 2010-2011 Budget

Superintendent Lafortune stated a workshop should be scheduled for the 2010-2011 budget. Suggestions of Thursday, January 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at Old Orchard Beach High School. Voted unanimously.

Committee Reports

Advisory Council

Board Chair Dave Galli updated the Board on the last Advisory Council meeting held on November 19th. He stated that proposals were shared for the next school year along with the 5-year plan.

Legislative Report

Committee member Gary Curtis stated that final approval would take place at a Planning Board meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2009.

Facilities

Committee member Gary Curtis discussed the meeting on January 4, 2010 with Commissioner Susan Gendron at 6:30 p.m. He stated that area school Boards have been invited, along with superintendents, staff and the public.

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Health Leadership Team

Board Chair Dave Galli reported the goal for this team is healthy lifestyles. He stated that thanks to Nurse Jackie Tselikis and her hard work zeroing in on employee health. Reports will follow for the Boards review.

Other

Superintendent Appointment

Board Chair Dave Galli stated that December 15, 2009 was scheduled to appoint the Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year. He would like the Board to appoint this tonight.

A motion was made by Gary Curtis and seconded by Skip Cushman to appoint Superintendent Lafortune as Superintendent of RSU #23 for the 2010-2011 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Executive Session

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

A motion was made by Lorraine Whelan and seconded by Dan Cabral to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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:

Lynn Ouellette,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



Michael Lafortune,
Superintendent