

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting**

November 6, 2013

6:30 p.m.
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Maria Barth, Tom Newkirk, Kenny Rotner, Megan Turnbull, Al Howland, Ann Lane and Student Representative Ryan Kerrigan Not Present: Ed Charle

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Carolyn Eastman, Susan Caswell, Dennis Harrington, Jay Richard, Carrie Vaich, Todd Allen, and Catherine Plourde

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were approximately twenty members of the public present for this meeting.

I CALL TO ORDER: Chair Maria Barth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III COMMENTS BY PUBLIC: Michael Williams from Durham spoke regarding the proposals for the elementary schools. Would like a process that takes into account what is really important in education. There are better solutions are out there and we just need to find them.

Brooke Heeler from Madbury appreciates the Board's service. She is worried about the new LRPC numbers and feels that Option 2 is not workable and that Option 1 is not a palatable option. She feels that there are new options out there and she urged the Board to consider some of these new options.

Denise Day of Durham is in favor of a third option which would move Kindergarten only to Mast Way It is the least disruptive option. She encourages the Board to consider it.

Allison Mueller of Durham spoke to the Board. She feels that other options should be considered and should be researched before being adopted.

Kristy Beemer of Durham spoke regarding the elementary school options. She would like a third option to be considered and agreed by all.

Shawna Coppola of Madbury urged the Board to take into account the opinions of the educators in the District.

Nate Fitch of Durham feels that this dilemma is the lack of a clear decision making process. What is the option that would most benefit the education of students. He would encouraged the process be slowed down until enough evidence can determine what the best option is.

Jodi Walker feels that the disruption in the community has been awful. She feels that both options are bad. If they were good options they would be embraced by the community.

Dave Eddy from Madbury feels that the schools are not being equalized for education benefits.

Joseph Hannon of Lee discussed the options for the elementary schools. We should be striving for a community in our schools.

Andy Roarke of Madbury feels that the community will be disrupted if they promote the K-2 option.

David Taylor from Durham spoke about the last time they redistricted. There wasn't as an uproar because the kids that were already there were grandfathered at their current school.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Howland moved to approve the October 16 and October 23 minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

There was a discussion about wording of motions at these meetings.

Al Howland withdrew his motion.

Al Howland moved to approve the October 23rd minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

Al Howland moved to withdraw his motion.

Approval of Manifests:

VM#11= \$654,073.25

PM#10= \$1,109,631.56

V ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

A District: Dennis Harrington mentioned that he attended a meeting last night at the school. He is proud to be surrounded by such knowledgeable staff that creates an environment where resilience is at the top of the list.

Todd Allen at the High School read a letter which mentioned a Journalism Workshop the school hosted last month and commended Sean Kelly for all his coordination efforts.

Jay Richard of the Middle School reported that a 911 survivor is coming to speak to the students next week. There is a stand up to bullying event next week. On December 18th they are going to participate in the first education even at UNH.

B. Board:

Kenny Rotner attended the Halloween function at Mast Way last week. It was an amazing time and was an incredibly warm environment.

He apologized and feels sorry for the community that they are feeling so much angst in this community regarding the elementary schools. He is hoping that they find a solution that everyone can get behind and unite.

VI DISTRICT REPORTS

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports: Carolyn Eastman presented the Common Core Standards with the Board.

Standard Assessment: They are putting in place a new assessment process. It is a true standards based report card.

What is the current status of the NH College and Career Readiness Standards?

Each content set of standards are in slightly different places:

Math and ELA have been adopted and the assessment is being constructed.

Science may be reviewed over the coming year, based on the next generation science standards

Arts similarly may be reviewed. Marcia McCaffrey, NH DOE Arts Consultant, has been a major player in the Arts Standards work

National Career and Technical Standards have recently been reviewed and updated Teams of NH CTE educators and business representatives have been reviewing them.

Star Benchmark Assessments are short diagnostic assessments that students take in September, January, and May to see growth across the school year for reading and math. This allows both teachers and parents to see what skills and knowledge students start the school year with as well as what skills and knowledge they have gained.

Carolyn had a lengthy question and answer discussion with the Board.

Feed The Kids: Carolyn Eastman discussed the families in need in the District. There have been some discussions on how to wrap our arms around the families and think about how to raise funds on a community level to help students.

Carolyn Eastman will be attending PTO meetings in the next few weeks to discuss and answer any questions regarding common core.

Business Administrator: Sue Caswell noted the Public Hearing is now January 14th and the Deliberative Session is February 5th.

2013-2014 Budget Update: Sue Caswell presented a budget update to the Board. This update includes the majority of all payroll and benefit obligations. The premium holiday from LGC has not been accounted for in the health and dental lines. Once the final employee payments are made the balances will be transferred to the district office accounts.

Student Senate Report: Ryan Kerrigan reported that there will be a Student Senate led forum to discuss the tuitioning of students on November 14th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2014-2015 Facilities Questions: Jim Rozycki the Facility Director discussed the facilities study update with the Board.

Facilities Study Update:

Current State:

Total estimated study costs:	\$4,100,900
Total still outstanding:	\$3,437,550
Total completed:	\$ 663,350

Breakdown by Code:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount Study Estimated</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>
HVAC	\$2,311,000	\$1,935,500
Electrical	\$ 870,900	\$ 630,800
Plumbing	\$ 378,500	\$ 378,500
Kitchen HVAC	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000
Life Safety	\$ 131,400	\$ 102,200
ADA	\$ 119,100	\$ 100,500
Totals:	\$4,100,900	\$3,437,550

ORCSD Web Site Design – Josh Olstad: Josh gave an overview of the new District website. There are a lot of changes to this new website. This new website is streamlined and well organized.

Communication Committee and Public Forum:

Al Howland updated the Board on the Communication Committee met and what they are seeing from the parents is that they are thinking about their options. There is a lot of anxiety and a great deal of concern regarding this in the District. There will be a forum on November 18th from 6:00 – 8:00 which will allow people to ask questions. They are encouraging people to send in their questions prior to the meeting.

Tom Newkirk moved to that the Board request Dr. Morse present other options with at least one being that Kindergarten be moved to Mast Way to help balance the schools at the forum on November 18th, 2nd Al Howland.

Tom Newkirk modified the motion to say that the Board request Dr. Morse present other options with at least one being that Kindergarten be moved

to Mast Way to help balance the schools at the Board meeting on November 20th, 2nd by Al Howland.

Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII ACTIONS

Board Action Items:

Motion to approve ORHS overnight field trip – Canada: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the ORHS overnight field trip to Canada on April 4 - April 7th and Washington DC on April 18 – April 21, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to Approve the List of Policies:

Tom Newkirk moved to approve the list below of Policies for a First Reading, 2nd by Al Howland.

Authorized Use of School Owned Materials	EDC
Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Services	EEAG
Free and Reduced Meals	EFC
School Records Retention Policy	EHB
Student Health Services	JLC

The motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Tom Newkirk moved to approve the list below of Policies for adoption, 2nd by Kenny Rotner:

Annual Report	CM
Safety Program	EB
Staff Dress Code	GBEBA
Workers Compensation Temporary Alternative Work Prog.	GBCD
Workers Compensation Temporary Alternative Procedure	CBGD-R
Temporary Alternative Duty Program Form	GBGD-R1

Motion approved 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Maria Barth reported that they have received a resignation from Majorie Smith from the Advisory Budget Committee. They are looking for people to serve on the Advisory Budget Committee in the District.

Tom Newkirk discussed the high school enrollment without tuition students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Rubine of Lee discussed alternate plans for elementary schools. He hasn't heard much about grandfathering students in the District as an option and would like to hear various versions.

Michael Williams from Durham noted that if another option is offered on November 20th then the public will not be able to offer input if they are going to vote that evening on an option.

David Eddy from Madbury thinks that the Board should make a decision on an elementary school option.

David Taylor from Durham noted that there are lots of different variables with grandfathering option in redistricting. He wrote a letter to the Board regarding public comments and he suggests that it is read by the Board.

Vail Cox of Madbury is not in favor of either option for the elementary schools. They need to do due diligence on any new option that they bring forward.

The Board reviewed the manifests.

CLOSING ACTIONS:

Future Meeting Dates:

November 19: Board Budget Workshop

November 20: Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary