

Oyster River Cooperative School District

May 4, 2016

Mast Way School

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Maria Barth, Dan Klein, Kenny Rotner and Student Representative: Troy Lapolice

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Mike McCann, Catherine Plourde, Carrie Vaiche

There was one member of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest Review/Approval at each School Board meeting

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee mentioned start times and hopes that they create a plan at the Board workshop. He would like to see a survey done getting the community input. Most important objection is that there are not enough hours left for extracurricular activities with a later start time.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve April 20th Regular Meeting Minutes:

Denise Day moved to approve the minutes of April 20th, 2nd by Dan Klein.

Revision:

Page 8 replace 2017 with 2016

Page 5 add “s” to District

Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

VM#24: \$1,050,369.92

PM#23: \$1,201,719.04

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMENDATIONS:

A. District: Mike McCann, High School principal reported that the AP exams are this week and 93 students taking 160 exams. The AP Program has really expanded. The Science NECAP for the junior class will be next week. The SRO and McGregor EMT will be meeting with students on the dangers of e-cigarettes. May 19th is the Junior Prom at the Red Barn in South Berwick.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way congratulated K-2 for performing their concert under the leadership of Pam Felber. It was a great evening. She talked about the Robotics Club at Mast Way. They have had such a response that they have two groups.

Todd Allen spoke for Jay Richard who is at the Scholastic Writing Awards at Plymouth State College with 18 students. Thursday, May 12 will be Servicepolooza at the middle school. They will be taking on a variety of projects at the school and in the community.

B. Board: Kenny Rotner mentioned that the School Summer Reach Program is working with Durham Parks. He wanted to make sure the community knows that Durham Parks portion of the Program is open to children from Lee and Madbury as well.

Sarah Farwell noted that the Summer Reach Program is a great opportunity for students. She also wanted to thank the number of staff members that were at the Mast Way Concert last evening.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: Todd Allen reported that the registration for the Summer Reach Program will take place through Memorial Day.

Standardized Assessment in the ORCSD:

Todd Allen presented the Standardized Assessment to the Board:

Why Do We Use Standardized Assessments?

Standardized assessments are designed to be objective measures of student performance.

The data gathered allows for comparability of student achievement at local/state/national levels.

Accountability is the focus of state and federal policy makers.

State Required: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium:

Aligned to Common Core Standards

Summative assessments done in both math and ELA

Conducted every spring in grades 3-8
Test window set by the DOE (generally March – June)
Total test time is 8-10 hours per student broken into 4-6 sessions
Each assessment is broken into two main parts: Computer Adaptive Test and Performance Task based on a classroom activity

State Required: Science NECAP

Summative assessment conducted in May for grades 4, 8, and 11
Total time of test is 1.5 to 2.5 hours per student
DOE is wrestling with science assessment as NECAP is based on older standards
Move to next generation science standards will eventually have an impact on Science NECAPs

State Required: PSAT/ST at the High School Level:

In 2016 PSAT/SAT replaced SBAC at the high school
New versions of PSAT/SAT are aligned with the Common Core Standards
ORHS 11th graders also do the essay portion of the SAT which is not required by the state.
All ORHS 10th graders take the PSAT
All ORHS 11th graders take the SAT
Total test time is 4 hours per student

Locally Administered: Star Math and Reading Assessments:

STAR is a formative assessment aligned with Common Core math and reading standards
Conducted three times a year in grades 2-9 with progress monitoring in 10th grade
Each assessment takes 20-30 minutes
Total time of assessment is 2-3 hours per student per year.

Locally Administered: Fontas and Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessment:

Benchmark is formative assessment done at Mast Way and has been adopted for 2016-17 at the Moharimet School

Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) has been done at Moharimet through 2015-16 but will be replaced by Benchmark next year.

Conducted in grades K-4

Assessment conducted 2-3 times a year and takes 15-45 minutes per student per assessment.

ORCSD Uses of Standardized Test Data:

Response To Intervention and student support teams across the district utilize the data to improve instruction for all students at the classroom level.

Individual students supports are targeted and monitored through standardized data collection and analysis

Individual teachers have access to student data to inform classroom instruction via PowerSchool Analytics

Once we have three years of SBAC data it will be able to be used to support curriculum review and development.

The Board had an in-depth discussion on the PSAT's given to the tenth grade students. They discussed whether is it a good measure of learning on content covered? Is it helping them to prepare for the SATs or is it learning to take the test. Todd Allen mentioned that there is value in measuring the testing but by no means do any of these tests measure to the broader spectrum of learning.

Sarah discussed the RTI and would like a way to offer organizational skills to students that would help them as they move forward to middle and high school.

B. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Morse reported that in light of Cinco de Mayo and working with the university they are limiting after school activities at the middle school but not at the high school. The university and the town of Durham have worked with the School District to avoid any disruptions to the schedule.

The Negotiations Committee met with the Guild today and they would like to do a collaborative approach to negotiating. This first meeting went extremely well. At the next Board meeting they would like a nonpublic meeting to update the Board.

C. Business Administrator:

Budget Update: Sue Caswell updated the Board on the Budget and as of April 28th they are right on target.

Bond Update: Sue Caswell updated the Board on the Bond update. She is recommending using TD Bank for the bonding of the athletic field's project.

Kenny Rotner moved to authorize Sue Caswell to negotiate with TD Bank for the bonding of the athletic field's project, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Mast Way Boiler Room Bid: Sue Caswell is recommending Comfort Systems as the vendor for Mast Way Boiler Heating Plant Replacement.

Denise Day moved to award the contract for the Mast Way Boiler Heating Plant Replacement to Comfort Systems, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative reported that they are working on a fund raiser for Ms. Raiford. He also noted that AP testing is going on right now at the high school.

E. Other: None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Establish Workshop in May pertaining to start time: The Board will hold a workshop on May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the high school.

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to approve ORHS volunteer coach: Kenny Rotner moved to approve Mark West as the Frisbee Coach at the high school, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Accept the resignation of a high school teacher in the district: Sarah Farwell moved to accept the resignation of a high school teacher in the District, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve policies for a second read adoption:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the following policies for adoption, 2nd by Maria Barth:

Policy ADC	Use of tobacco products strictly prohibited in/on all Facilities and/or grounds
Policy BDB	Board officers/Board Organization Meeting and Procedure
Policy BEC	Non-Public sessions
Policy GBAA	Sexual Harassment – Employee Staff
Policy EEA	K-4 School Bus Drop off protocol and form

Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES: None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee looked at the tobacco policy and would prefer to see something that banned all the paraphernalia such as e-cigarettes, etc.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: 5/18/16 Regular meeting @ MOH and 6/1/16 Regular meeting at ORMS

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 {if needed}

NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 {if needed}

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary