

Oyster River Cooperative School District

REGULAR MEETING

December 2, 2015

OR Library

6:30 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Carrie Vaich, and Dennis Harrington

I. CALL TO ORDER: By Tom Newkirk at 6:30 p.m. for Manifest Review. A moment of silence was held for the San Bernardino shooting.

There were 7 members of the public present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Al Howland moved to approve the minutes of November 18th meeting, 2nd by Denise Day. Revisions: Add Catherine Plourde to the Administrators present list. Public Comment add "Emma supports" before using.... The motions with the above revisions passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #12: \$1,165,251.61

Vendor Manifest #13: \$592,735.58

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. District: Jay Richard of the Middle School announced that next Monday they are hosting internet safety presentation at 6:30 in the Library. He also noted that there is now a cheerleading club at the that will be cheering for the basketball team this year.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way congratulated the PTO for the revitalization of the Holiday Bazaar. Next Tuesday is the 3 and 4 grade concert at the high school at 7 p.m.

Todd Allen of the High School reported that they were ranked #1 division II school for sportsmanship for fall sports. Congratulations to all the athletes and student body. December 10th is the High School Winter Concert.

B. Board: Denise Day commended everyone that contributed to the Mouth of the River.

Kenny Rotner read a statement of those coordinating the establishment of the winter farmers market in the winter of 2016. They are hoping that the area farming market will participate in this opportunity.

Tom Newkirk reported that Mike Anderson, a resident and consultant to the District, has had a book accepted by ASCD. It's great to have him working in our schools.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

B. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Morse talked about the Wellness Committee. There will be a presentation on January 6th on how we educate our children on drugs and the impact.

Smarter Balanced Update: Superintendent Morse reported that the students did much better than the average students in New Hampshire. ORCSD students performed well compared to other NH School Districts. This year's Smarter Balanced results should be available sooner than last years. In grade 11 the SAT will be used to replace Smarter Balanced going forward.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate: Student Representative Caroline Wilson detailed that they are in the early stages of winter carnival in February and the Junior Class is working on their prom.

E. Other: None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Insurance Bid: Sue Caswell reported that they have received four bids in response to our bid request of October 14, 2015 for Property and Liability Insurance. Primex has come in as the lowest bidder. She is recommending that they move forward with selecting Primex as our Property and Liability coverage provider for the next five years.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Primex for Property and Liability Insurance, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

High School Transition Plan: Todd Allen and Mike McCann presented the High School Transition Plan to the Board. They are working to make the transition as smooth as possible. As of January 4th Mike McCann will be serving as the Interim High School Principal when Todd moves into the Assistant Superintendent position. Corey Parker will be taking on some of the Assistant Principal duties and they will be hiring an Assistant Athletic Director for twenty hours per week until the end of the school year. Todd and Mike reported that this will be successful because of the great Leadership Team and faculty in place. The Board also briefly discussed the High School Principal position search timeline.

Draft 2016 Warrant Articles:

The Board reviewed and approved the following Draft Warrant Articles:

Al Howland moved to approve Draft Warrant Article #3, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day moved to approve Draft Warrant Article #4, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Draft Warrant Article #5, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day moved to approve Draft Warrant Article #6, and by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Draft Warrant Article #7 The Board had a lengthy discussion on Draft Warrant Article #7 and how to proceed.

Denise Day moved to cut \$125,000 from the Operating Budget, 2nd by Al Howland. The motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Actions:

Insurance Bid – Motion approved during Discussion.

Warrant Articles – Motion approved for Articles 3-6 during Discussion

Budget Approval – Motion to cut \$125,000 from operating budget approved during Discussion.

Kenny Rotner moved to nominate ORMS Teacher, Jarika Olberg, as Music Department Head, 2nd by Denise Day. The motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Al Howland commented that the Communication Committee met pertaining to Full Day Kindergarten. Offered two dates for a public forum on 1/12/16 and 1/19/16. Event will be taped. Power point presentation will be placed on website. Administrators will assist in getting the word out.

Dan Klein commented that the Sustainability Committee met and discussed the no idling at the middle school, ways to save on water usage. There will be a community dinner on January 7th. The farm to school program is on track. Waiting for guidance on solar energy with Durham.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. CLOSING ACTIONS

A. Future Meeting Dates: ~~12/9/15 Regular School Board HS Library 7:00 PM~~
12/16/15 Regular School Board Meeting

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (a) – Superintendent Evaluation.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to enter non-public session at 8:59 PM, 2nd by Denise Day under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. Upon Roll Call motion approved 7-0.

Denise Day made a motion to enter public session at 10:03 PM, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion approved 7-0.

NON-MEETING SESSION: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

**Maria Barth made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 PM, 2nd by Sarah Farwell.
Motion approved 7-0.**