

Oyster River Cooperative School District

March 22, 2017

Oyster River High School

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Dan Klein, Kenny Rotner, Maria Barth, and Michael Wilson Not Present: Tom Newkirk and Al Howland Student Representative: H. Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, and Dennis Harrington

There were eight members of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER:

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest reviewed and signed. Superintendent Morse announced that they are delaying the nomination of the new Chair and Vice Chair until the April 5th Board meeting.

Vice Chair Denise Day welcomed new Board member Michael Williams and Student Representative Hannah J. Wilson. Caroline Wilson, a former Student Representative, introduced her sister to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest #19: \$836,130.08
Vendor Manifest #21: \$130,530.37

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kenny Rotner made a motion to move the ORHS Request for Field Trip to China to after public comments and also to move Gabi's Goodies for Good to right after public comments, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee congratulated the new Board members. He tried to find old School Board Minutes from before 2014 online and couldn't locate them.

David Taylor of Durham would like to see the District healing from the football issue. There are many families disappointed with this decision but Oyster River has many great offerings in the District.

Loren Selig of Durham would like to see two areas of extra curriculums in the District: Drama in the Middle School and culinary programs at the high school.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 2/22/17 regular and nonpublic meeting minutes and 3/8/17 regular and nonpublic meeting minutes

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the February 22, 2017 regular and nonpublic meeting minutes, 2nd by Dan Klein.

Revisions: Page 1 under Public Comments: Insert “Robert Barth was disappointed that the Board had not considered the research studies”

Page 3 Paragraph 6 insert “brain” before injury.

Page 6 Paragraph 4 Insert” “Kenny Rotner” did not feel that the Wellness Board goal and the Middle School Building had been addressed as much as he had hoped.

The motion with the above revisions passed 4-0-1 with Michael Williams abstaining and the Student Representative abstaining.

February 22 Nonpublic Meeting Minutes:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve as written the minutes from February 22 regarding status of property 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Michael Williams and the Student Representative abstaining.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the minutes from the second nonpublic meeting on February 22 pertaining to an employee, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Michael Williams and the Student Representative abstaining.

March 8th Regular Meeting Minutes

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the regular minutes, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Michael Williams and the Student Representative abstaining.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve both nonpublic meeting minutes of March 8th, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Michael Williams abstaining.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS:

A. District: None

B. Board: Kenny Rotner would like to request as an agenda item at an upcoming meeting in the near future current policy on manifests and manifests review.

Maria Barth has heard feedback that people don't know what is going to be covered at Board meetings she is suggesting that it be placed on the agenda's list serve prior to the meeting. This is also available online.

Maria Barth would like to see as an agenda item or discussion on adding decisions being made using applicable science being put into the district vision statement.

Maria Barth would like Corey Parker to come and discuss the rule changes that have occurred in soccer at a Board meeting.

Denise Day commended high school staff for accreditation efforts.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports: None

B. Superintendent's Report

Election Results: Superintendent Morse reviewed the election results with the Board. He thanked the public for supporting the school district and thinks that it is a credit to the School Board for meeting the student's needs.

Kindergarten Enrollment: In Mast Way they have 61 students enrolled and Moharimet there are 42 students. This is the third year that Mast Way has increased and Moharimet has decreased. The Board will need to have a discussion on Kindergarten enrollment later this year. Denise Day brought up the modulars at Moharimet. Superintendent Morse noted that Kindergarten enrollment doesn't affect the modulars and they are hoping to eliminate them in 2017.

Accreditation: The faculty and Administration was amazing during this visit. They were very engaged and the visiting team praised the culture and the school. The accreditation team praised the faculty and likes the direction the school is going.

There was an article in Foster's today documenting the Math Program in the District. The number of students taking Algebra at the Middle School has tripled. They will be continuing to refine this program.

Gabi's Goodies for Good: Superintendent Morse introduced Gabi Selig from Gabi's Goodies. She is an elementary student who has been making goodies and has been selling them on behalf of charities such as End 68 Hours of Hunger and the SPCA. Gabi's explained that she wanted to help. The

Superintendent and Board thanked her for all her hard work. Gabi Selig donated \$100 dollars to End 68 Hours of Hunger from this evening's sales.

April 20 – May 1, 2017 Proposed China Trip Open to ORHS Studio

Orchestra:

David Ervin discussed the proposed trip with the Board. Du Jie and Chengdu University will be handling all aspects of the daily accommodations, travel and dining. This trip represents over a year of planning at this point. The itinerary and travel plans have been established for six months.

Denise Day asked David what happens if more than twenty students are interested in going. He replied that since this is a pilot program, it is limited to twenty and is on first come basis.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the ORHS request for field trip to China from April 20 – May 1, 2017, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

C. Business Administrator:

Sue Caswell reported that Special Education Department is still about \$20K in overages, but it is much lower than at the start of the year.

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Hannah Wilson reported that the student senate is working on planning a spring event. She also announced that five student athletes took part in the Leadership Conference on March 16 and March 17 in Concord.

E. Other: Girls Ice Hockey Season Update and New Cooperative:

Athletic Director Corey Parker, and two outgoing seniors spoke about the program. They thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to play under this new cooperative. Corey explained that they ended up with 19 players 5 of which are from Portsmouth. It was exciting to see this program work. They finished the season 12-6. Kenny Rotner asked Corey if he needed anything from the Board in continuing this program. Corey said that it is a two-year cooperative agreement and they are hoping to get a good idea of interested players at the middle school for 2018 and beyond.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

VIII ACTION ITEMS:

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to affirm superintendent's decision to change two existing Teacher Workshop Days on March 24 and April 26 back to regular school days to make up the last two snow days. Kenny Rotner moved to affirm the Superintendent's decision to change two existing Teacher Workshop Days on March 24 and April 26 back to regular school days to make up the last two snow days, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve Administrator Contracts as submitted by the Superintendent: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Administrator Contracts as Submitted to the Superintendent, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Michael Williams and the Student Representative abstaining.

Motion to nominate and approve Continuing Contract Professional staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent: Kenny Rotner moved to nominate and approve Continuing Contract Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.

Motion to extend prior approved ORMS Maternity Leave of Absence for the remainder of the year: Kenny Rotner moved to extend prior approved ORMS Maternity Leave of Absence for the remainder of the year, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 5-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to elect the following individuals for the 2017-18 school year: William Leslie as ORCSD School District Clerk, Lisa Harling as the ORCSD School District Treasurer, and Dr. Katy Lilly as the ORCSD School District Physician 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 5-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the following list of Spring Coaches and Volunteers, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Volunteer Positions:

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| Geoff Joblonski | Varsity Baseball |
| Tyler Nadeau | Varsity Baseball |
| Nancy Bulkey | Girl's Tennis |

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| Michael Pare | Girl's Tennis |
| Cameron Calato | JV Baseball |
| Chris Campbell | Varsity Softball |
| Chris Wall | JV Baseball |
| Phil Lewis | Boys Tennis |
| Genevieve Cutitta | Girls Lacross |

Paid Positions:

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| Nicholas Ricciardi | Head Outdoor Track | \$5514 |
| Scott McGrath | Boys Asst. Outdoor Track | \$3340 |
| Natalie Bilynski | .5 Girls Assistant Outdoor Track | \$1670 |
| Alex Johnson | .5 Girls Assistant Outdoor Track | \$1670 |
| James Thibault | Boys JV Baseball | \$2634 |
| Bob Heuchling | Girls Varsity Tennis | \$3538 |
| Lance Aughey | Boys JV Lacrosse | \$2634 |
| Stephanie Gentile | Girls JV Lacrosse | \$2634 |
| Andy Allen | Boys Tennis | \$3313 |
| Dave Montgomery | MS Outdoor Track | \$2596 |
| Sunpreet Sadana | MS Outdoor Track | \$2596 |
| Nate Grove | MS Baseball | \$2127 |
| Brian Seeley | MS Softball | \$1977 |

Motion to approve list of policies:

Michael Williams moved to defer the list of policies until the next meeting, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Kenny Rotner reported that the Sabbatical Committee met and one application was submitted, they are not recommending that this move forward to the Board.

Kenny Rotner discussed that he sat in on a Sociology Class he wants to make sure that the total amount and quality of homework that is being assigned is kept on the front burner and continue to pay attention to the mental health of our students and in particular issues of anxiety and depression.

Dan Klein reported that the Sustainability Committee is meeting this evening.

Maria Barth mentioned that so many amazing people are working hard on the End 68 Hours of Hunger on a weekly basis. They are doing an incredible amount of work. They are hoping to be able to give Market Basket gift cards to families that really need it for over the summer.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Rubine would like to know when the start time and the bus schedule for next year are going to be available.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: April 5th and April 19th Regular Meeting – ORHS Library

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A3 II: {If needed} – None

NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 I {If Needed} – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 5-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary