

Oyster River Cooperative School District

REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2017

May Way School

6:30 p.m.

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

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

There were six members of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER:

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest reviewed and signed.

1a. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to Chapter 20 (HB 329) of the 2017 legislative session, hereby legalizes, ratifies and confirms all actions, votes and proceedings held at the 2017 annual School District meeting which was postponed due to a weather emergency.

Tom Newkirk moved to open the public hearing on the ratification of the School District Meeting, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Resolution of the Oyster River Cooperative School Board:

The School Board of the Oyster River Cooperative School District, pursuant to Chapter 20 (HB 329) of the 2017 legislative session, hereby legalizes, ratifies and confirms all actions, votes and proceedings held at the 2017 annual School District meeting which was postponed due to a weather emergency.

This action is taken after a properly noticed public hearing, said notice having been published in the Fosters Daily Democrat and having been posted on the School District's website 72 hours prior to this action.

A true attested copy of this resolution will be posted at the place of the annual School District meeting, with like copies to be posted at Oyster River Middle School, Mast Way Elementary School, Moharimet Elementary School and on the School District's website, with the original to be delivered to the School District Clerk.

The hearing is open for public comments.

Kenny Rotner moved to close the public hearing, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.

Kenny Rotner moved to adopt the resolution as stated above, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest #22: \$1,273,781.09

Vendor Manifest #24: \$588,185.97

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Maria Barth moved to approve the revised agenda, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kate Zimar who is a Mast Way teacher talked about the class sizes and the growing number of students registered for the school next fall. She strongly values the small class sizes in grades K-2 and urges the hiring of an additional teacher for Mast Way next fall.

Kirsten DeRochers who is both a parent and first grade teacher in the District has seen the numbers grow over the last several years.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Al Howland moved to approve the 4/19/17 regular meeting minutes 2nd by Maria Barth. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Dan Klein abstaining and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

The minutes of the 4/19/17 nonpublic meeting minutes were sealed at the last meeting. **Kenny Rotner moved to pass the non-public minutes that were sealed on April 19, 2017, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 5-0-1 to approve the non-public meeting minutes with Dan Klein and the Student Representative abstaining.**

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. District:

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way thanked everyone who attended Suessical. It was amazing. On the Friday before April vacation the enrichment committee put together all day interactive activities for the students. It was a great day.

Jay Richard of the Middle School is looking forward to the Scholastic Writing Awards at Plymouth State University where over 20 students will be recognized for their writing. Has been working with the Durham Police Department and

UNH on Cinco de Mayo this Friday to ensure that the students won't be impacted.

Dennis Harrington of Moharimet reported that all Moharimet and Mast Way Kindergarten-Second Graders had a superlative presentation of the arts while grades 3 -4 took the Smarter Balanced Testing. It was phenomenal to see the children fully engaged in the performance. May 12th is Enrichment Day at Moharimet and he invited everyone to attend and see.

Suzanne Filippone, High School Principal stated that the Freshman Class had a stem day, the seniors had a community service day, the sophomores had PSATs and the juniors had SATs. She will be meeting with every senior advisory group and will ask them questions about their experience.

B. BOARD:

Kenny Rotner noted how impressive Mast Way looks and thanked the staff for speaking tonight and voicing their opinions. President Trump signed an order that did away with some of the nutrition requirements that had previously been passed. He is hoping that Oyster River maintains the higher nutritional standards that they have.

Student Representative Hannah Wilson spoke with a sophomore Hillary Gould and read a quote from her on their recent trip to China over April vacation. They had an amazing experience on their trip.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen reported that from a professional standpoint leadership is working hard to utilize and make the last two days of school for professional staff members valuable. Todd has been asked to speak at the State Board of Education next week as they will be discussing standards. There is some belief that we should move away from common core. It is his goal to share the work that this District has done around these standards. He hopes that as a school community to continue setting these goals and the work they are doing.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse commended the UNH sororities and fraternities for reaching out to us pertaining to the behaviors observed in the past on Cinco de Mayo and what they plan to do to help. Their goal is to have safe places for kids. They were very clear in their support of Chief Kurz in their efforts for kids out of control.

They have been able to identify the student who set off the Middle School bomb threat. The impact of Board policies and procedures have been put in place.

The kindergarten numbers are still growing. There are currently 69 students registered for Mast Way for the fall. He is recommending hiring an additional teacher for Kindergarten for the fall. This is an issue that cannot be left unaddressed.

Kenny Rotner moved to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher for Mast Way, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

He is also concerned about grade 2 at Mast Way which is projected to have 24 students per class.

Superintendent Morse stated that they have received high school physical education teacher, Emily Rodgers' resignation effective at the end of the school year.

Maria Barth moved to accept Emily Rodgers' resignation, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

C. Business Administrator:

Boiler Bid

Jim Rozycki discussed the RFP/RFQ Boiler Plant at Moharimet: He is recommending MJA Plumbing and Mechanical based on cost/preferred contractor.

Kenny Rotner moved to award the Boiler Plant RFP/RFQ to MJA Planning and Mechanical, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

RFP/RFQ: E-Rate Wireless

Josh Olstad discussed the RFP/RFQ E-Rate wireless and is recommending Optiv Security based on priced. It was the lowest bid at \$74,356.36.

Kenny Rotner moved to award the E-Rate Wireless RFP/RFQ to Optiv Security, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Insurance Contribution Assurance Agreement Cap Extension:
Sue Caswell is recommending the Board approve extending the Contribution Assurance Program with Primex as follows:

FY2019: Maximum 7% increase over July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 contribution

FY2020: Maximum 7% increase over July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 contribution

FY2021: Maximum 7% increase over July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 contribution

Al Howland moved to approve the above Primex Contribution Assurance Agreement Cap Extension, 2nd by Michal Williams. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

D. Student Senate Report:

Student Representative Hannah Wilson reported that the marine biology classes will go on a floating raft in New Castle. The French and Spanish classes are going to MFA. The next two weeks will be AP testing. Next week is National Honor Society awards. Prom tickets went on sale this week for May 20th. The Play performance "Into the Woods" will be May 25-28th. May 31st will be the Senior Art Show. It is a great event that showcases their work over their four years. The seniors are also working on planning their senior week.

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Draft 2017-18 Mast Schedule of Board Meetings:

Kenny Rotner suggested moving the September 20th meeting in honor of Rosh Hashanah. They discussed the potential of only having one meeting in September on the 13th. Superintendent Morse will have a draft revision for the next meeting.

2017-2018 School Board Goals Discussion:

Kenny Rotner discussed a list of potential School Board Goals for next year:
Evaluate effect of the change of start time, the impact on students and transportation

Evaluate and continue to advance world language offerings

Evaluate use of homework assignments in the District

More fully engage student body and community to address mental health needs of students and improve wellness

Evaluate current bus transportation model

Continue with planning and construction of new middle school with goal of bringing warrant article forward in 2020.

Inform students and community members of ELO opportunities

Continue to study and implement competency based learning and communicating with the community

Work closely with math department in grades 5-12 to maximize effectiveness of teaching and learning in the subject.

Al Howland also mentioned some possible Board Goals:

Develop a communication strategy that engages the community in a dialogue: start time

Middle School World language with Mandarin how is it going and what is the impact

Middle School: dialogue needs to progress to the next phase and discuss all options available.

Continue with the Wellness and Mental Health initiative

Tom Newkirk feels that we have not gotten traction yet with the Middle School. A goal will be to educate the community and determine how we are going to move forward. The Facilities Committee could absorb the previous efforts and push these issues forward. Maria Barth suggested having forums and meetings to inform the community and get their feedback is essential to do first.

Dan Klein asked what the relationship between the Middle School Building Committee and the Facilities Committee. Superintendent Morse responded that once the Facilities Committee has framed out the work he sees them actively engaged with the Building Committee.

Tom Newkirk feels it is important to get more proximate contact with students. Discussing and hearing their thoughts is vital.

They will make a distinction of big picture goals and day to day goals and work a draft to bring back to the Board. Al Howland wants to see how effective the implemented goals are from last year and how effective they are.

Superintendent Morse referenced the Strategic Plan and would like to revisit the process with having an in depth community feedback similar to what was done five years ago.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Al Howland moved to approve the vacancies for the 2017-18 school year as follows: Sara Powell for Grade 5, Sean Peschel ELO Coordinator at the High School, and Elliott Moore, World Language – French at the High School, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to approve ORMS Softball volunteer coach: Paul Stenmark

Al Howland moved to approve the ORMS volunteer coach, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to approve ORMS Outdoor Rack Coach Paid Position:

Emily Gelz Outdoor Track \$2,371

Al Howland moved to approve the ORMS paid position for coaching, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 6-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES: None

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee mentioned that his daughter went on the China trip and thanked the administration for permitting it. He thanked everyone who made it happen.

Todd Allen announced that tomorrow is the first time in Oyster River history that the Middle School track team will be hosting a meet.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: 5/10/17 Workshop ORHS Library and 5/17/17 at Moharimet.

Tom Newkirk suggested that if you have questions pertaining to the workshop on the 10th, to get them to Jim in advance. Jim will send out a reminder tomorrow.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (if needed): None

NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 I (if needed): None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary