

Oyster River Cooperative School District

June 21, 2017

Oyster River High School

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Denise Day, Dan Klein, Kenny Rotner, Brian Cisneros, Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Michael Williams and Student Representative: Hannah Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Catherine Plourde, Dennis Harrington, and Suzanne Filiponne

There were three members of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER:

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest: #26: \$1,094,145.80

Vendor Manifest: #28: \$180,122.90

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Suggested Agenda Revisions: Nominations and a resignation. Approval of the May 17th minutes. Add a special statement after Public Comments.

Denise Day moved approve the agenda with the above revisions, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Kenny Rotner read a statement of “where do journeys start and where do they take us.” He read this in honor of Dennis Harrington’s last day as Principal of Moharimet School.

Dennis Harrington feels that it has been an honor to be part of this administration. He urged the Board to keep up the great work.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 17th Minutes: Denise Day moved to approve the May 17th minutes, 2nd by Dan Klein. Revision Page 4, Vote on the School Board Calendar should be 5-1 with Maria Barth opposing.

Motion to approve 6/7/17 regular and non-public meeting minutes

Denise Day moved to approve the June 7th regular meeting minutes, 2nd by Al Howland with the following revisions. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Revisions:

Page 6, Math Lab has not been fully staffed, but moving forward it will be in 2017-18. Summer math programming will be offered at the Middle School to help support students.

Kenny Rotner recommended postponing approval of the June 7th non-public meeting minutes.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS

A. District: None

B. Board: Denise Day read the list of the following members of Oyster River who are retiring.

High School:

Stephen Lord – Foreign Language Teacher – 32 years of service
Joseph Saxe – District School Psychologist – 31 years of service
Danuta Richards – School Nurse – 16 years of service

Middle School:

Susan Renner – Language Arts Teacher – 30 years of service
Diane Tregua – Social Studies Teacher – 23.4 years of service
Paula Roy – Counselor 21.1 years of service
Deborah Lachance – Math Teacher – 20 years of service
Susan Campbell – Life Skills Teacher – 22.45 years of service
Sharon Strickland – Special Education Teacher – 18 years of service
Barbara Archetti – Language Arts Teacher – 16 years of service

Moharimet School:

Helen Kemp – Special Education Teacher – 33.5 years of service
Dennis Harrington – Principal – 28 years of service
Ann Reilly – Grade 2 Teacher – 24 years of service
Jayne Winsor – Grade 3 Teacher – 18 years of service

Mast Way School:

Deborah Kolbjornsen – Kindergarten Teacher – 23.5 years of service

Michelle Parsons – Kindergarten Teacher – 20.5 years of service

Al Howland commended the music programs and the volume of kids involved. It is amazing. It is great to see the program grow.

Brian Cisneros saw at Mast Way the play “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” The kids hit it out of the park, it was a great job. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great experience.

Tom Newkirk commended Megan and Brian Turnbull who worked so hard to promote the music program.

Kenny Rotner gave a big shout out to the facilities crew. The landscape looks great. He also is seeing people using the track and thinks that is great that the community is using it.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:

Todd Allen reported that they are in the process of welcoming the new staff and setting them up with mentors. They have done a great job of getting new staff in and preparing them for success.

The summer reach program has 264 kids signed to date. They are providing free lunch at the middle school Monday – Thursday for any student. There are still some slots available in the program and the Durham Parks and Recreation has some afternoon openings.

They are finalizing summer professional development programs. These are great initiatives by staff.

The smarter balanced test scores have gone out to parents today. There is no comparison data yet, NH DOE will provide it at a later date.

B. Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Morse reported that the Youth Risk survey results are in and they will be discussing this more in the fall.

There will be a homework survey and it will be brought before the Board for input before it goes out.

C. Business Administrator:

Budget Update: Sue Caswell distributed the budget as of 6/14. They won't know the final numbers until payroll is run next week. Kenny Rotner asked about tutors being in the red. Sue explained that it was shifted from another position. Bus drivers was \$70K in the red. Workers Comp was 69%. Sue Caswell mentioned that we have a safety committee that reviews all workmans compensation issues. Denise Day asked if the Teacher's Buy-out was coming out of this year's budget? Sue stated the it would be coming out of next year's budget.

Lot Line Adjustment: Kenny Rotner moved to approve with gratitude the lot line adjustment to Mast Way from Lee Church Congregation, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Bus Lease: Sue Caswell explained that the District is lease/purchasing three buses. This is an expense that was put in the budget. **Denise Day moved to approve the transportation lease purchase for three buses as presented, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Technology Lease: Josh Olstad noted that the District is ready to start a new technology lease for three years. At the end of the lease, the equipment gets returned. He had a discussion with the Board about leasing the equipment for three years versus four years or purchasing the equipment. **Kenny Rotner moved to approve the technology lease 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Hannah Smith reported that there were great speeches at graduation and overall graduation was a great success. Finals are this week. Today was also step up day for incoming freshman.

E. Other: Cristina Dolcino and Sarah Larson Dennen of the Sustainability Committee presented the Survey Results: They were given the charge to

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determine where topics of sustainability are being taught in the District K-12. This spring a survey was sent to staff and the responses were organized by elementary, middle, and high school staff. Cristina shared the responses and comments with the Board in her presentation.

Two suggestions that the Sustainability Committee is recommending are: That the curriculum map be shared with teachers and, that teachers meet and discuss ways curriculum could be used across the grades. The Board thanked her for the report and for what they are accomplishing. Tom Newkirk suggested that she draft a charge for next year to bring for approval to the Board.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2017-18 Board Goals:

Monitoring and Continuing Goals:

1. To evaluate the effects of the change in start time, including the impact on students, parents, and transportation.
2. To evaluate the effects on students of homework, (including amount, learning value, and coordination) the master schedule, and course load in the high school to determine if any practices should be changed.
3. To evaluate the effectiveness of the competency reporting system that will be used in grades 6 and 7 of the middle school, and to determine if the 8th grade should continue with evolving the high school system or adopt the 6/7 grade reporting system.
4. To monitor the progress on implementing competency-based education in the high school.
5. To continue to use various media channels, and to explore new means, to inform the community of initiatives and achievements of the District, with special attention to high school parents and District residents who do not have children in the system.

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6. To receive reports on implementation of the expanded World Language instruction in the middle school and the implications of these changes for the high school.

7. To more fully engage the student body and community on issues of wellness and mental health.

Action Goals:

8. To authorize the administration to begin the process to develop a new strategic plan that covers the five year span 2019-2024.

9. To engage in a deliberate review process of the middle school facility with the goal of choosing a plan for renovation/construction by June 2018.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above goals with the addition of “evolving” in Board goal 3, 2nd by Denise Day.

Michael Williams moved to amend the above goal 8 to read: to begin developing a strategic plan for 2019-2024 with completion by December of 2018, 2nd by Al Howland. The Board had a discussion around the timeframe of the strategic plan. Motion passed 6-1 with Kenny Rotner opposing.

Superintendent Morse mentioned a possible common meeting with Lee Durham and Madbury selectmen in the fall to discuss Board Goal 5.

Superintendent Morse discussed Board Goal 9. When we get to June, hopefully we will have determined an option that makes the most sense for the District.

Kenny would have like to see a Transportation Goal for the Board. He is not in favor of how Board goal 8 has been restructured and will not be in favor of approving these.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Action: None

B. Board Actions:

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months. Brian Cisneros moved to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve the Middle School Handbook: Denise Day moved to approve the Middle School Handbook, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve the following list of coaches at ORHS for 2017-18 that begin training with students over the summer.

Peter Harwood	Boys Varsity Ice Hockey	\$5,190
Anne Golding	Girls Varsity Field Hockey	\$4,093

Al Howland moved to approve the above list of coaches for 2018 at ORHS, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day moved to accept the resignation of a World Language Teacher, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day moved to approve the following teaching nominations: High School Speech and Language, High School Special Education Teacher, Mast Way Kindergarten Teacher, Mast Way Grade 1 and 2 Teacher, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Kenny Rotner reported that the Policy Committee met last week and had a lengthy discussion on memorials.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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Tom Newkirk mentioned that he will be nominating Superintendent Morse as superintendent of the year. He feels that it is well deserved and he is a pleasure to work with. Invited the other members to support him.

The Board thanked Hannah and will see her back at the September 13, 2017 School Board meeting.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: 7/6 Manifest Review SAU 2:00 PM
7/19 ORHS Library Regular Meeting

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session at 8:51 p.m. under RSA-91-A:3 II (c) discussion of matters that are likely to adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the School Board, 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Denise Day made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion Passed 7-0.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary