

Oyster River Cooperative School District

September 21, 2016

Oyster River High School

6:30 p.m.

REVISED

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

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

There were two members of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Board thanked Todd Allen and Corey Parker for the athletic field's tour.

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Denise Day moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve September 7th Regular Meeting Minutes:

Denise Day moved to approve the September 7th meeting minutes, 2nd by Dan Klein

Revisions:

Page 3 Fifth paragraph: Replace “crisis response planning” with “crisis response planning and training”

Page 9: Replace paragraph 6 with “Board Goal 5: Kenny Rotner really appreciates the work that has gone into formulating the wellness goal. Students need to be engage in the process of developing a wellness training program.”

Page 10 Public Comments:

Dean Rubine: Replace his second sentence with “He is recommending the start times be 8:45 – 3:45 at the middle school and high school, and 7:45 – 2:25 at the elementary schools

Page 8 substitute “interview team” instead of “observation team” in the fourth paragraph and in the fifth paragraph motion.

The Motion passed 7-0 with the above revisions and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest #6: \$818,685.15

Vendor Manifest #7: \$683,182.82

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS:

A District: None

B Board: None

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: None

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Morse referenced correspondence received from Mr. Yeager regarding the property across the street from the High School to gauge the District's interest. They are doing due diligence to make sure that this property is looked at thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Superintendent Morse reported that he has begun the process with the Moharimet Staff on the Principal search. It was a great meeting.

He addressed a couple of rumors: The District has a guaranteed maximum price on the field budget so even though the contractor made a measurement error which cost more, the District did not pay more.

There was also a rumor that the Wellness Plan around suicide wasn't funded adequately. In contrast, they have funded appropriately for the work that the District is doing.

Superintendent Morse urges anyone to contact him with any questions they may have and he is happy to answer them.

The busing is on track and the major issues around transportation have been solved. Lisa Huppe has been very thorough in responding to parent's concerns. Superintendent Morse added that there is road construction going on that they have no control over and they won't have the ability to get the kids home in the allotted time.

Unofficial Opening Day Enrollment for the 2016-17 School Year:

Superintendent Morse reported that enrollment is up and Mast Way has an increase of 39 students over last year. He will present the official enrollment numbers to the Board after the October 1st date.

He also noted that there are two full classrooms in the modulars at Moharimet School.

Business Administrator: Sue Caswell reviewed the proposed FY18 Budget Calendar with the Board:

FY18 Proposed Budget Calendar:

September 7	School Board Goals FY18 Budget
Superintendent Department Reviews:	
October 5	Middle School/High School
October 6	Mast Way/Moharimet (1:00)
October 7	Facilities/Technology
October 11	Transportation/Food Service
October 13	SAU/District, SPED
November 7	Draft Budget Distribution
November 10	Workshop Session with the Board 8:00 – 1:00 Town of Lee Safety Complex
November 16	Regular Board Meeting Budget Discussion
November 30	Budget Workshop with Board 7:00 HS Library
December 7	Regular Board Meeting Set Budget 7:00 p.m. High School Library
January 9	Town Budget Forum – Lee Safety Complex 6:00 p.m.
January 16	Town Budget Forum – Madbury Town Hall 7:00 p.m.
January 23	Town Budget Forum – Durham Town Hall 7:00 p.m.
January 11	Public Hearing – 7:00 High School Auditorium
February 7	First Session/Deliberative Session 7:00 High School Auditorium
March 14	Second Session/Voting by Ballot

Kenny Rotner moved to accept the budget calendar for the 2017-18 year, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Student Senate Report: Student Representative Troy Lapolice reported that they have been working on Spirit Week. It is a process that involves a lot of work. Freshman class officers have been elected.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A Calendar Options Update: Josh Olstad, Director of IT, updated the Board on calendar options. These implementations more effectively allow communication with the community by modifying the District and individual building calendars to make them more user friendly.

Guild Negotiations Update: The entire proposed contract has been made available to the Board since the last meeting.

Al Howland moved to approve the three year Teacher Guild Agreement, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 6-0-1 Kenny Rotner abstaining and the Student Representative abstaining.

2016-2017 Board Goals:

Proposed Board Goal:

Al Howland moved to approve the board goals, 2nd by Maria Barth

Al Howland moved to withdraw his motion, 2nd by Maria Barth

Goal 1: Develop a communication strategy that engages the community in a dialogue on key issues. Al Howland moved to approve Goal 1, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Goal 2: Inform the public of the condition of the Oyster River Middle School Facility and to engage in a dialogue with all stakeholders to determine community priorities. Al Howland moved to approve Goal 2, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Goal 3: Develop a plan to add Chinese instruction to the middle school and high schools. Develop a plan to expand Spanish and French instruction at the middle school. Sarah Farwell moved to approve Goal 3 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Goal 4: To make decisions regarding start times for all schools for the 2017-18 school year. Al Howland moved to approve Goal 4, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Goal 5: Engage the community and students in a dialogue about the mental health and wellness of our student population. Develop a K-12 trauma action plan for School Board Review. Kenny Rotner moved to approve Goal 5, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Goal 6: The Middle School staff will complete the Competency Plan across all subjects and grades to include Standards and present recommended progress report format to the School Board for approval. Al Howland moved to approve Goal 6, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve transfer of funds: Al Howland moved to approve transfer of end of year fund balance of June 30, 2016 in the amount of 200,000 to the Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

MS25/DOE25: Kenny Rotner moved to pass the MS25/DOE25, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Late Start/One Run System Direction: Superintendent Morse discussed with the Board the Public Forum that will be held on October 13th with the Community. More and more school systems are having the same conversations surrounding a later start time at the high schools.

The Board discussed the draft power point that Superintendent Morse will be presenting at the Public Forum. The Board discussed showing the impact of changing the times has on sleep.

The Board had a conversation about making a final decision to any start time changes for 2017-2018 at the first board meeting in November. After the public forum they will need to determine if the November 5th meeting is reasonable to make a decision.

The Public Forum date will be announced via school messenger.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. School Board Action Items:

Motion to approve revision to ORHS Activity Advisor Nomination and Volunteer Coaches:

Advisors:

Nate Oxnard	SPARC/Project First Robotics	\$1,656.50
Sara Cathey	SPARC/Project First Robotics	\$1,581.50

Volunteers:

Brian Contorchick	Athletic Department Intern
Abbey Raiche	Athletic Department Intern

Al Howland moved to approve the above revision to ORHS Activity Advisor Nomination and Volunteer Coaches, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Policy:

Sabbatical Leave GCBD-R and R1

Sarah Farwell moved to adopt Policy GCBD-R Sabbatical Leave, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Maria Barth mentioned that the Policy Committee has worked very hard at the last meeting on the Extended Learning Opportunity Policy. It will be coming to the board for a first read. It has financial implications.

Maria also reported that the NHSBA deadline for resolutions are due by October 21. She is proposing two: a building aid resolution and a policy for background checks. These would need to be approved at the October 19th meeting.

Denise Day reported that the Long Range Planning Committee met and discussed the Kindergarten – First Grade discrepancy numbers.

Dan Klein announced that the Sustainability Steering Committee is receiving updates from the green team leaders. They are working on a new process for

making funds available to teachers for sustainability projects. There is a meeting for the full committee on October 17th.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine from Lee wants the Board to be more transparent about the start times.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: **9/24 High School Athletic Fields Dedication**
 10/5 Regular Meeting – ORMS Library
 10/13 Late Start Forum – ORHS Auditorium
 6:00 p.m.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II: None

NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 I (a) Strategies with Respect to Collective Bargaining.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the public meeting at 8:45, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary