

**REVISED**

**Oyster River Cooperative School District**

**October 19, 2016**

**Oyster River Middle School**

**6:30 p.m.**

**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, Jay Richard, Suzanne Filippone, Catherine Plourde, and Corey Parker

There were two members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion for Approval of the Agenda:**

**Denise Day moved to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dean Rubine from Lee was at the Start Time Forum and he appreciates all the work the Board has put into it. He would like to see the start time at 8:30. He suggested adding a few days to the school calendar to offset lost time and shortening the school day by fifteen minutes.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion to approve October 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

**Denise Day moved to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup> minute, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland.**

**Revisions:**

**Page 4 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph delete “first”.**

**Page 4 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph insert at 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: She thanked the owners of Bedrock Gardens Mr. Munger and Jill Nooney for being so gracious and allowing their field trip.**

**Motion passed 7-0 with the above revisions and the Student Representative voted in the affirmative.**

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

Payroll Manifest #8: \$956,626.93

Vendor Manifest #9: \$805,093.59

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS:**

**A. District:**

Sue Caswell commended Doris Demers for appearing on the Cooks Corner segment on WMUR. They are having a series on lunch sessions. Congratulations for a job well done.

Suzanne Filippone has started a Responsible Citizen Award. "Character is doing the right thing when no one is looking"...JC Wells. Recipients this month are: Grade 9: Jackson Freeley, Grade 10: Gabbie Hauge, Grade 11: Ben Buteau, Grade 12: Caroline Wilson.

Suzanne detailed the Board about Friends Forever. It is a nonprofit out of Durham and engages students from Northern Ireland and areas in conflict. They will have 10 students at Oyster River here on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for a day.

**B. Board:**

Kenny Rotner, Tom Newkirk, and Maria Barth thanked the members of the public who came to the forum and also those who contacted them. Maria questioned bullying on the bus. Superintendent Morse mentioned that anytime any parent comes forward they always investigate and address the situation.

Tom Newkirk had a chance to meet with the Student Council and appreciated the chance to hear their thoughts on the school start times.

**VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

**A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:** None

**B. Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Morse is continuing to meet with the Moharimet staff on the principal hiring process.

There was an editorial report in Fosters supporting the work the superintendent is doing on the proposed late start times. They just presented to the Durham Council and it went well. On Monday, they will be presenting to the Lee Council.

Superintendent Morse announced that Health Insurance will be going up 14.1% for 2017-18 school year.

He also discussed with the Board the Schools being used as a voting poll station. There is no school on voting day, November 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Teacher Workshop Day. NH law is a right to carry state which allows people to bring guns on school property on voting day. After discussing the matter with Todd Selig, they are offering the staff at the high school the option to work from the middle school that day during their Teacher's Workshop. This will be their decision. In the future, the Board will determine if they want any of their schools being using as polling stations. The Board discussed having alternative polling sites in the future instead of schools. This is a good topic to be presented to the NHSBA as a resolution.

**Kenny Rotner moved that the Board approve with wording to follow that open carry of weapons is not permitted in schools. There was no second to the motion and it will be discussed later in the agenda.**

**C. Business Administrator:**

Barrington Tuition Update:

Sue Caswell reported that the Tuition Agreement we have with the Barrington School District requires that we notify them on or before October 1 of each year the tuition rate for the next succeeding year. The current rate is \$14,776. The new rate is determined by costs of the Oyster River High School in the prior fiscal year. We have calculated the percentage change to be 5.32%. Therefore, the tuition rate for Barrington students for the 2016-17 school year will be \$15,562.

FY 2017 Tuition Rate:	\$14,776
FY 2018 Tuition Rate:	\$15,562

**Denise Day Moved to accept the FY2018 Tuition Rate for Barrington of \$15,562, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Tom Newkirk abstaining and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay:**

In accordance with Policy GCG, the School Board is asked to approve the substitute rate of pay.

At this time, and after research with our comparable school districts, it was determined that the substitute rate for the 2016-17 school year will remain at \$75.00 for regular substitutes and \$135 for nurse substitutes.

**Denise Day moved to approve \$75 rate for regular teacher substitutes and \$135 for nurse substitutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Kenny Rotner abstaining and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

The Board would like to look into raising the \$75.00 substitute rate of pay for next year and what the impact would be.

**D. Student Senate Report:**

Student Representative Troy LaPolice reported that the senate met with Tom Newkirk and he suggested a student poll on proposed late start at the school. They will work with the principal to coordinate the poll and get the results in

before the next Board meeting. They are also working on fundraising. There are three senior games this Friday.

**E. Other:**

Middle School World Language Update: Todd Allen/Jay Richard:  
The goal has been to include Spanish French and Mandarin Chinese at the sixth grade level.

2016-2017 Description of ORMS World Language Program

6<sup>th</sup> Grade World Language at ORMS:

Experience is intended to introduce the student to the curriculum options provide by ORMS to 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We strive to give students an experience in each language so that they may make an educated decision when choosing a language to study.

During each team's designated World Language block, half of the team comes to World Language on A and the other half on B Day. Given that a typical quarter lasts 45 days, this program provides about 22 days of World Language experience per student.

In that 22 days, the students rotate between the 4 World Language teachers and are introduced to 4 different subjects. This means that the students experience 5 or 6 classes in each subject offered.

At the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students make a decision on what language to study in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade based on this introductory experience.

Description of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> World Language Program:

Student choices are Spanish or French.

At ORMS, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade World Language students attend World Language class on Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

They discussed how these changes could potentially impact Barrington student's incoming into the high school that have not had any World Language.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Budget Goal FY18 - Revised draft:

Budgeting is directly related to our academic vision. The proposed 2017-18 ORCSD budget reflects the priorities of the adopted District Strategic Plan which guides the decisions at a realistic and affordable pace.

The proposed budget will include all completed negotiation agreements and health insurance costs.

The general budget goal will not have an overall impact that exceeds 3.25%.

New revenue from the Barrington tuition agreement and other voter approved expendable trust funds may be used to offset staffing, healthcare and retirement costs.

This does not include any petitioned warrants.

**Denise Day moved to accept the budget goal as proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland.**

There was a Board discussion on the proposed 3.25 net percentage increase in the budget.

**The Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

**NHSBA Resolution:**

Maria Barth will be attending the upcoming NHSBA meeting. They are proposing a School Board resolutions RSA 189:13-a School Employee and Designated School Volunteer Criminal History Records Check.

School Board Resolutions:  
Background checks

Only the Superintendent/Human Resource Coordinator

NHSBA supports legislative action that allows criminal background checks be shared with their Human Resources Department and that the specific charge be shared with the Superintendent so he/she can make an informed judgment related to employment.

**Maria Barth moved to approve the above resolution to be brought forth to the NHSBA Assembly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Proposed resolution: Kenny Rotner moved to approve Tom Newkirk, Maria Barth, and the Superintendent crafting a resolution about their stance on polling and guns in the school, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**10/13/16 Late Start Forum:**

It was great to see so many members of the public come out to the public forum and give their input on this. This was incredibly helpful.

Athletic Director Corey Parker discussed that they would try to accommodate a later athletic bus time whenever possible. Trying to maximize weekend games and non-school days are possible alternatives as well.

High School Principal Suzanne Filippone addressed the impact on homework with a proposed start time. She mentioned some options that they are brainstorming about such as a possible flex-block at the end of the day.

**VIII. ACTIONS:**

**A. Superintendent Actions:** None

**B. Board Action Items:**

**Motion to approve ORMS Activity Stipends:**

<b>Jarika Olberg</b>	<b>District Music Department Head</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>John Silverio</b>	<b>Robotics Grades 5 – 8</b>	<b>\$ 989</b>
<b>Jason Duff</b>	<b>Robotics Grades 5 – 8</b>	<b>\$ 989</b>
<b>Cathy Dawson</b>	<b>Literary Magazine</b>	<b>\$1,977</b>
<b>Joe Boucher</b>	<b>Grade 5 Leadership</b>	<b>\$ 989</b>

**Denise Day moved to approve the above ORMS Activity Stipends, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Motion to approve School Board Policies:**

**Policies for a first read:**

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve for a first reading:**

**Policy GBCD - Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check**

**Policy IJOC - School volunteers/Application Form/Confidentiality**

**Agreement**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland**

**Maria Barth would like to postpone any action on policies.**

**Kenny Rotner moved to withdraw his motion and Al Howland withdrew his second to the motion.**

**Kenny Rotner moved to delete Policy GCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.**

**IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:** None

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dean Rubine from Lee talked about the Barrington tuition rate and the cost per pupil.

He also feels that if we are getting enough teacher substitutes at the current rate, why are we looking to raise it?

**XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

A. Future Meeting Dates:	10/24/16	Town of Lee Selectman Meeting
	11/2/16	Regular School Board Meeting
	11/7/16	Town of Madbury Selectman Mtg.
	11/10/16	Budget Workshop
	11/16/16	Regular School Board Meeting

**XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II:** None  
**NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 I:** None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 7-0.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary