

Oyster River Cooperative School Board
Regular Meeting

April 16, 2014

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD: Chair Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Kenny Rotner, Sarah Farwell, Denise Day, Maria Barth, Ed Charle and Student Representative M. Doody

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Jim Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Jim Rozcki, Doris Demers, Carolyn Eastman, Carrie Vaich, and Dennis Harrington

There were seven members of the public present.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30-7:00 p.m. Manifest Review

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: William Hall of Durham spoke and is advocating for the enlargement for the cafeteria project at Moharimet School.

Dean Rubine of Lee is researching Middle and High School students having a later start time to their school day.

Darren Keller of Madbury spoke to the Board regarding the declining enrollment in the District. He feels that the tuition contract that was signed for ten years is too long. Darren would like all information on the tuition contract documented.

Joseph Morietti of Madbury spoke regarding the additional space project in the cafeteria at Moharimet. He feels that it should be seriously considered. This project is close to the town property line.

APPROVAL OF 3/19 and 4/2 Minutes:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the March 19th Minutes, 2nd by Al Howland. Revisions: change 7:00 to 6:30.

Motion to pass the minutes with revisions passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Al Howland moved to approve the April 2nd minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Revisions: Add Sarah Farwell to the Strategic Planning Committee. Policy BHC insert “A reminder that a first read will go back to the Policy Committee for review.”

Motion to approve the minutes with revisions passed 6-0-1 with Maria Barth abstaining and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

PM #23: \$825,053.81

VM#22: \$229,016.90

DISTRICT REPORTS

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: None

B Superintendent’s Reports: Superintendent Morse would like to nominate Andrea von Oeyen for the Strings Teacher at a salary \$54,984. **Denise Day moved to approve Andrea Von Oeyen for the Strings Teacher Position, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

C. Business Administrator: Sue Caswell provided the Board with a budget update.

Sue also presented to the Board a priority spending list of one time costs:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Project Amount:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Funding for an additional ten feet To Cafeteria/Gymnasium expansion	\$ 64,000	
DDC controls to classrooms	\$ 60,600	Facilities study. Firm quote obtained.
Install 2 new boilers – Middle School	\$120,000	Facilities study. Firm Estimate.

Driveway expansion and resurfacing	\$ 35,000	Can work this into work at Coe Drive this summer.
Upgrade all security card readers and software/hardware	\$ 47,000	Was planning on this or budget 15/16 but can use this upgrade now given issues we have.
Grounds tractor replacement	\$ 67,000	Price includes \$13K off for trade in of old machinery.
Live Broadcasting capabilities For Auditorium	\$ 56,000	
SAU Roof Replacement	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	
	\$459,000 Total	

The Board had a discussion on these potential projects and this will come again before the Board at the next meeting.

Superintendent Morse noted that these potential projects are one time only costs.

Student Senate Report: Tomorrow is voting day for the Student Senate. The World Language Honor Society induction ceremony will be May 6th. There is a Casino Night sponsored by the Junior Class is tomorrow evening.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Goals for 2014-15 A discussion with the ORCSD Leadership Team

Tom Newkirk reviewed the Board goals for the previous two years:

Priorities for Possible Board Goals:

Equitable distribution of elementary students
Tuition students
Continued development and adoption of a strategic plan
Establish the Sustainability charge for the upcoming year
Continued dialogue with community
Common Core Implementation
Completion of Review of Policy Manual

Each School Board Member and Administrator gave input on Board goals:

Maria Barth:

Math: Hire a Math Consultant to review Math Program in the District
A concrete plan for all day Kindergarten
K-12 visible approach to risky behavior
Process of Goals before Budget conversation

Ed Charle:

All day Kindergarten Program in the District
Facilities Projects
Athletic Fields
Review Math Program
Review World Language Program
Common Core integrated smoothly into the system
Mental Health and Well Being

Tom Newkirk:

Develop a plan for implementation of all day Kindergarten
Oversee a revision of the teacher evaluation system.
Math curriculum review
Complete the Strategic Plan
Move forward with the Athletic Fields improvement

Al Howland:

Academic and Operation information before the Budget Session
Multi-year CIP
Technology Plan
Snapshot of Academic Needs by Elementary Middle and High School.
All day Kindergarten
Athletic Fields Upgrade

Kenny Rotner:

All day Kindergarten

Math and Science Curriculum

World Language Program

K-12 approach to risky behavior

Sustainability – possible solar project in the schools

Teacher and Student Evaluation

Start times in the schools

Formal structure to enable teachers to learn from each other

Sarah Farwell:

Communication between the Board and the Community, the schools and the family

All day Kindergarten

Budget Goal

Revamping of Math, Guidance, and Science Programs

Security

Denise Day:

Athletic Fields

Budget Process: Transparency to the Community

Process: Not to be spread too thin.

Todd Allen:

A sense of being overwhelmed by too many initiatives from staff and excitement from staff about bringing forward action plan.

Strategic Planning

Athletic Facilities Upgrade

Jay Richard:

Math

Facilities

Guidance

Teacher Evaluations

Start times in the schools

Sue Caswell:
Strategic Planning Process
Budget Process

Jim Rozycki:
Strategic Plan
Facilities: Middle School
Athletic Fields Upgrade: They may need additional training and supplies
Sustainability

Doris Demers:
A capital improvement for the kitchen equipment
Staff Development
Farm to School Coordinator

Carrie Vaich:
All day Kindergarten
Revamping of K-12 model of Math and Guidance
Continued communication

Josh Olstad
Strategic Planning Process
Technology Plan
Reviewing Technology Policies

Dennis Harrington:
Strategic Plan
Continue listening to teachers
World Language
All day Kindergarten

Maegan Doody:
Athletic Facilities Upgrade
Weighted grades
Counseling Program for Students

Carolyn Eastman:
Strategic Planning Process
All day Kindergarten
Athletic Fields
Math Program

The Board and Administrators had a discussion around the proposed goals. Superintendent Morse reported that most of the goals tonight will be addressed through the Strategic Plan. The staff is very excited and is engaged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Darren Keller of Madbury doesn't agree that all day Kindergarten should be a priority in the District. He does not want to see any tuition revenue going to Kindergarten. He feels that Mandarin should be offered in the District.

David Taylor of Durham noted that it was an exciting conversation to watch.

CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: May 7th and May 21st

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary