

Regular Meeting – (REVISED 4/15/15)

April 1, 2015

Oyster River High School

6:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: by Tom Newkirk at 6:30 for Manifest Review

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Dennis Harrington, Carolyn Eastman and Catherine Plourde

There were eight members of the public present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Barth of Lee updated the Board on his research on tire crumb and their effects in artificial turf fields. He supports the track with artificial fields but not with the tire crumb.

Sophie Webb, a student at Oyster River High School, spoke in favor of the field's proposal and the formation of an athletic fields committee.

Michael Donovan, a student at Oyster River High School asked the Board to form a committee to help move forward the athletic fields proposal.

Ben Genes of Lee and a member of ORYA is asking the Board to consider forming a committee for the athletic fields.

Owen Kurtiak, a student at Oyster River High School is in favor of the formation of an athletic fields committee.

Erica Heilman, a parent in the District also spoke in favor of the Athletic Fields.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the March 18th Minutes: Al Howland moved to approve the March 18th Minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Revision: Page 10 insert "Committee" after "Policy". Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in favor.

Al Howland moved to approve the nonpublic minutes on March 18th, 2nd by Dan Klein. Revision: Add Todd Allen to the list of attendees. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #21 - \$1,135,926.69

Vendor Manifest #19 - \$282,692.93

Vendor Manifest #20 - \$631,388.87

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. District: Dennis Harrington of Moharimet recognized Jan Roberts who is the UNH Supervisor of Interns for doing a superb job. She is a former 30 year teacher in the School District.

Todd Allen of the High School is very proud of the three high school athletes that spoke during public comments this evening. 256 athletes have signed up for spring sports. It's great to see that level of participation.

Todd's Trot 5K Road Race is this weekend. This raises funds for scholarships for students in the District.

B. Board:

Kenny Rotner saw the One Act Play "I Don't Want to Talk About It" a couple of weeks ago at the High School. He thinks it has a great message and is a wonderful play.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent: The Assistant Superintendent gave a Smarter Balanced Update to the Board. In early March an email was sent out with a FAQ to parents in the District. They have been trying to help parents with the fact. They have made themselves available to parents who have had questions or concerns. On March 13th there was a Professional Development Day to have an online training module. Schedules have been created at all the schools that are in the student's best interest. The first assessment will begin on April 20th at the Middle School and they are estimating that the test will take 7.5 hours to complete.

Superintendent Morse commended Carolyn Eastman and the Administrators for all their hard work in getting the District ready for this exam.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Morse shared bid results of the Athletic Fields with the Board:

Base Bid:	\$1,956,306
Alternate 1:	\$ 335,028 Lighting
Alternate 2:	\$ 158,314 Bleachers
Alternate 3:	\$ 157,130 Turf Infill
Alternate 4:	\$ 71,769 Wood frame dugouts
	\$ 94,239 Masonry with wood dugouts

This is really great data to have as they move forward with an action plan.

Student Senate: Caroline Wilson reported that the Relay for Life Prom Fashion show was last week and it had a great turn out.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Motion to approve the following Committee Assignments:

Denise Day moved to approve the following Committee Assignments, 2nd by Al Howland.

Tom Newkirk will serve on the Wellness committee. District Tech.- Sarah Farwell, NHSBA Delegate- Maria Barth, Sustainability – Daniel Klein, LRPC – Denise Day, End 68 Hours – Maria Barth, Strategic Planning-Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Sarah Farwell. Policy – Maria Barth, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day. Negotiations – Tom Newkirk, Al Howland and Daniel Klein.

Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Consideration of forming an Ad Hoc Committee pertaining to the Athletic Field:

Proposed Committee Configuration:

An ORCSD School Board Member

High School Principal

High School Athletic Director

Two High School Students

Representative from the Sustainability Committee

Representative from ORYA

Representative from each from the towns of Lee, Madbury, and Durham

A representative from FORT

An ORCSD Coach

The committee should evaluate various alternatives for the fields, particularly the artificial turf field in terms of:

Safety
Quality of the Playing Field
Environmental Impact
Longevity
Cost

The recommended charge:

To develop a comprehensive communication strategy that engages all stakeholders in a comprehensive recommendation.

To investigate ways to update the athletic fields through a combination of approaches that involves the operating budget, unanticipated funds, fund raising and bonding. The intent is to lower the bond amount asked of the voters in the March 2015 warrant.

To consider a phased approach toward completion of the project.

To make recommendations to the Board by the first meeting in October 2015

To spearhead the effort toward a successful March 2016 vote.

Denise Day moved to establish a School Board ad hoc committee for the purpose of developing the athletic fields as presented, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

Maria Barth moved to amend the motion to approve the committee and the charge as a concept without any details on the composition of the committee, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. The motion failed to pass 1-6 with Maria Barth voting in favor of the motion.

The original motion passed 6-1-0 with Maria Barth abstaining and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Advisory Budget Committee and Communication Committee Status:

Kenny Rotner moved to dissolve the Advisory Budget Committee, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.

Communication Committee Status:

The Board discussed that this is important work that the Boards needs to do with the upcoming issues that will be coming up. Tom is suggesting that they continue to move forward with this committee.

Denise Day moved to continue with the Communications Committee and to nominate Kenny Rotner, Sarah Farwell, and Al Howland to continue on with this committee, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

Maria Barth moved to amend the motion that this committee will follow the policy of BBAA, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Denise Day moved the amendment. Tom Newkirk ruled that this amended motion is out of order and that it was not challenged by Maria Barth.

Maria Barth moved to postpone the original motion pending a charge. There was no second to the motion.

The original motion passed 6-1 with Maria Barth opposing and the Student Representative abstaining.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the Communications Committee.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent and Board Action Items:

Motion to approve four proposed Administrator Contracts as submitted by the Superintendent:

Elementary Principal: Proposed 2015-2016: \$103,326

Asst. Principal High School: Proposed 2015-2016: \$82,620

Asst. Sped Director: Proposed 2015-2016: \$79,560

Transportation Director: Proposed 2015-2016: \$50,790

Kenny Rotner moved to accept the above administrator contracts, 2nd by Al Howland. The motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to nominate and approve Continuing Contract and other Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent: Kenny Rotner moved to nominate and approve Continuing Contract and other Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent, 2nd by Al

Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve funds from the Facility Development Capital Reserve Fund for final payment for Moharimet School Building Project: Kenny Rotner moved to permit the release of \$56,794.58 from the Facility Development Expendable Trust Fund to complete the payment of the Moharimet project, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the following list of ORHS volunteer coaches, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved unanimously with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Natalie Bilynski	Outdoor Track and Field
Zachary Lewis	Boy's Tennis
Cooper Smith	Boy's Lacrosse

Approval of Policies:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policies JIH and JIHB (& R) for adoption, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative with the following revisions:

Policy JIH – correct spelling of superintendent.

Policy JIHB – switch the placements of paragraph 2 and 3 and replace “the” with “that”

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Tom Newkirk noted as a reminder that the right to know law has to be reviewed when the committee first meet. He asked Board members to let him know of any vacancies there are on various Boards as they come up.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Barth of Lee commended the prior athletic committee for all their work and is hoping that the new committee will be a diverse group of individuals that will work together.

David Taylor of Durham spoke regarding the Communications Committee. He is concerned on the direction of the committee.

Todd Allen noted that the former athletic fields committee was not a board committee in any way and that it was a group of people that wanted the field's proposal to pass.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: April 15, 2015, May 6, 2015

Maria Barth moved to get a report on the situation of the copies of the book To Kill A Mockingbird. There was no second on this motion.

Superintendent Morse mentioned that if anyone has questions on the lack of copies of books in the District please redirect people to the appropriate building administrator.

XI. NON-PUBLIC/NON-MEETING SESSION: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary