

**Oyster River Cooperative School District  
Regular Meeting**

**November 5, 2014**

**ORHS**

**6:30 pm**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Maria Barth, Sarah Farwell and Student Representative Maegan Doody

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Carolyn Eastman, Sue Caswell, Carrie Vaich, Doris Demers, and Jay Richard

There were five members of the public present

**I CALL TO ORDER** by Tom Newkirk for Manifest Review

**II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III PUBLIC COMMENTS:** David Taylor of Durham mentioned that the nonmeeting minutes do not have any attendees listed.

**IV APPROVAL OF 10/15/2014 Minutes:**

**Denise Day moved to approve the regular and nonpublic minutes of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day.**

**Page 4: Replace Al Howland's motion with: Al Howland moved to approve the short term high school, middle school, elementary school academic goals with the following conditions: 1. Elementary action strategies and timelines be reviewed by the strategic planning committee with input from the staff, 2. The community base learning/STEM Goal be rewritten and brought back to the Board for approval.**

Insert at the end of page six:

**Motion made to leave nonpublic at 9:25 p.m. and return to public session at 9:26 p.m. by Kenny Rotner, second by Al Howland. Motion carried by roll vote 7-0.**

**Al Howland made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to administer an additional ten day suspension when warranted, seconded by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Motion made to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. by Denise Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Insert Todd Allen and Superintendent Morse to the nonmeeting list of attendees.**

**The motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

There was a Board discussion on meeting minutes and how much detail should be included in them.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

Payroll Manifests #9: \$1,148,949.06

Vendor Manifest #10: \$873,360.52

**V ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**District:** Jay Richard of the Middle School announced that Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> the entire middle school will be attending UNH for the Day. They are looking forward to the Spotlight Review coming to the Middle School. He also mentioned that first quarter grades have been posted.

**Board:** Kenny Rotner commended community groups and parents who have advocated the change of the start time of the middle and high school. They have put forth a lot of work and effort into this

Denise Day commended school district PTOs. Their presentations have been very interesting and educational. There is a lot of work that goes into these meetings.

Carolyn Eastman announced that tonight is Math and Pizza Night with the Title I Tutors at Mast Way. The Community Dinner will be tomorrow evening from 5:00 6:30 with an Asian Theme.

Regarding the upcoming Teacher Workshop on Friday there was a question about Atlas being discussed at the elementary level.

Maegan Doody announced that the Student Senate will be doing a survey tomorrow with the students on their opinion of blocked day schedule. It is a big topic right now. They will be discussing potential open campus and a food drive at the Student Senate meeting tomorrow.

**Food Service Update: Doris Demers**

The Child Nutrition Program in the District goal is to provide healthy, local and fresh food.

Equipment:

Capital Improvement Plan

Moharimet: Walk in refrigerator, tilt skillet, double oven

Mast Way: Refrigeration, Dishwasher

Middle School: Dishwasher, Refrigeration

National School Lunch Week: Themed decoration “Get in the Game with School Lunch”

Community Dinners: November 6, January 22, March 12

Facebook: Daily menus, pictures

Newly formed Seacoast Buying Group: Change of prime vendor, more specific to District’s needs

Milk – Statewide bid

Produce: Farmers and local producers, local distributor, school gardens

Participation:

Reimbursable	Lunches	Breakfasts
Mast Way	40%	3%
Moharimet	40%	5%
Middle School	27%	2%
High School	17%	4%

Doris noted that the new regulations are really strict. Many of the students at the high school are either buying a la carte in the cafeteria or going off campus for lunch.

The Board thanked Doris for all her efforts that she is putting into the Food Service Program.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Proposed Warrant Article Language for Athletic Field Draft:

**Denise Day moved to move forward with the proposed warrant article below and to move it into discussion with the community**

**Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$x,xxx.xxx for the renovation and construction of athletic fields at Oyster River High School, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$xxx,xxx of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the District officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the term and rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$xx,xxx for the first year's principal and interest payment on the bonds or notes, and authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid which may be available for the project and to comply with laws applicable to the project and take any other action necessary to carry out this vote. The School Board recommends this appropriation with a three-fifths ballot vote of those in attendance and voting at the annual meeting.**

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

**Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

The Board discussed with Sue Caswell this draft proposal. They would like to see wording of a track added in the proposal. The numbers could be available as soon as the next budget workshop.

**ACTIONS:**

**Motion to extend ORMS Maternity Leave of Absence Request from November 14, 2014 – January 5, 2015. Kenny Rotner moved to approve to extend ORMS Maternity Leave of Absence Request from November 14, 2015 – January 5, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to adopt the 2015-2016 calendar. Kenny Rotner moved to adopt the 2015-2016 calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland.**

The Board discussed the beginning of the school day which is on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Maria Barth moved to postpone the approval of the school calendar until the next meeting. This will allow them to re-examine the start of school day as well as possibly having Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> part of the long holiday weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Policies:**

**Maria Barth moved to approve the following policies for a first reading:**

**Policies for a First Reading:**

**Policy IFA Instructional Needs of Students with different talents**

**Policy IGA Curriculum Development**

**Policy IGAD Career Education**

**Policy IGD Curriculum Adoption**

**Policy IF Instructional Program**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day**

**Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Policy For Deletion:**

**Policy ECB Buildings and Grounds Maintenance**

**Al Howland moved to withdraw the deletion of Policy ECB and return it to the Policy Committee for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Policy IHAE Physical Education will be going back to the Policy Committee for further review.

**Motion to approve two ORHS volunteer coaches Kenny Rotner moved to approve the two following Winter Coach Volunteer Positions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day.**

**Robert Fauci, Jr. Boys Basketball**

**Edward Szczepanil Boys Basketball**

**Motion approved 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Board discussed having the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the agenda at their meetings. The other governing bodies in the District do not do the pledge of allegiance at their meetings. Traditionally, the pledge of allegiance has not been part of the meetings. It was voted in place in 2011.

**Maria Barth moved to remove the pledge of allegiance from the school board agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 5-1 with Al Howland voting against the motion and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

### **Committee Updates**

Al Howland reported that the Communication Committee is meeting next week.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dean Rubine from Lee would like to see the minutes kept brief to the motions.

David Taylor noted that the minutes are a permanent record and sometimes it is necessary to include discussions

### **CLOSING ACTIONS**

Future Meeting Dates: November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular meetings  
November 12<sup>th</sup> School Board Budget Workshop

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary