

Oyster River Cooperative School District

November 2, 2016

Oyster River High 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, Dennis Harrington

There were seventeen 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

Suggested Revision:

Removal of Discussion of retirement agenda item until a future meeting.

Motion for Approval of the Agenda: Denise Day moved to approve the Agenda with the above revision, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Erin Hiley Sharp, a District resident, spoke and asked the Board to vote in support of delaying the start time of the middle school and high school next fall. She understands that this decision is controversial. The Board has all the information that is needed to make this decision.

Caroline Wilson, a senior at Oyster River High School thinks that they are making a quick fix with a later start time. Students are under so much stress. Caroline would like the focus to be on their mental health and expectations that are put on students. Teach the students time management and coping skills.

Ruth Sample of Lee has two children in the District is in favor of the changing start times. She feels that this proposal is a reasonable compromise.

Rachel Higginbotham of Durham is in support of the change of start time. The American Academy of Pediatrics supports a later start time for middle and high school students.

Julie Hanes of Durham loves this school District and feels that the District needs to act now and pass the late time start proposal

Dean Rubine of Lee mentioned that his kids are suffering with sleep problems and would like to see this passed.

Tom Webber of Durham appreciates all the hard work that the Board has put into this subject and would like to see the late start time proposal passed.

Katie McManus and her daughter Kayla spoke to the Board. Kayla read a letter that it is a good idea because a lot of her kids at the school drink coffee and she does not think that it is very good. Too many kids are sleep deprived and also people are driving while not getting enough sleep.

Brian Cavanaugh of Durham hopes the board will approve the change in start time. It is a scientific fact and part of nature that accommodate Mother Nature by changing the start time.

Jennifer Lyon of Lee appreciates all the time and effort the Board and Superintendent has put into this. She is hoping the Board will vote yes.

Barb, a resident of Lee mother of four, is against the proposed start time change. This will cut into family time during the evenings.

Christine Orliac of Durham is from France and they start school much later. If we start later then everything will be finishing later. She feels that the kids will still be sleep deprived even with a later start time.

Katia Sowers of Durham thanked everyone for all their hard work and effort. The proposed changes will work well for the District.

Chair Tom Newkirk thanked everyone for their input including everyone who wrote letters to the Board.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve October 19th Regular Meeting Minutes:

Revisions:

Replace 3 Public Comments 3rd line insert “will offset” after “and”

Page 2 VIB second paragraph replace “They” with “Superintendent”

Page 6 paragraph 2 line 2 insert “athletic” before “bus time”

Page 3 paragraph 8 should be 6-0-1 instead of 6-1-0.

Page 2 1st paragraph replace “Beatu” with “Buteau”

Denise Day moved to approve the minutes of October 19th with the above revisions, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Vendor Manifest #10 \$268,026

Payroll Manifest #9 \$1,243,328.28

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. District: Jay Richard of the Middle School reported that quarter 1 is ending on Friday. World Language staff is holding a visitation in January. The teachers will be teaching in the language the entire class. They do a great job. He also mentioned that the School Dance is this this Friday. Cross Country Teams girls 3rd and boys came in first place.

Suzanne Filippone of the High School reported that Change Directions Campaign has students working with guidance office. The Blood drive today very successful. World Language Day is November 9th.

Corey Parker mentioned some accomplishments in the District: Patrick O'Brien defended his Division II Title. Danielle Slavin finished second. The Girls Soccer Team is in the state semifinals tomorrow night.

B. Board: Denise Day commended Meredith Freeman Caple. Women at War was very amazing. It had difficult subject matter and was a great performance.

Tom Newkirk commended Mike Anderson for creating a school choice presentation. He also reported that the National Association of Academic Progress has ranked NH 1st in 4th grade Science 2nd in 8th grade in Science.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction

Todd Allen mentioned that NAAP great news for NH with the Science results. It is exciting that Oyster River is above the state average. Tomorrow the State

Board of Education is meeting and hearing a report on science standards. Todd will be speaking encouraging next generation science. He will be mentioning move away from Science NECAP. Professional Development Day is next Tuesday. Elementary teachers are working on next generation science standards and social emotion learning goals. The Middle School is working on competency work, and the High School will be concentrating on Content Department Meetings.

B. Superintendents Report:

Superintendent Morse presented the draft Superintendent Newsletter. Once the late start time has been voted on, it will added to the newsletter and it will be distributed.

C. Business Administrator:

Sue Caswell gave a financial status as of October 26th and they are on track to date.

D. Student Senate Report:

Student Representative Troy LaPolice reported that a group of Friends Forever will have students from Northern visit tomorrow.

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Evaluation - The Board agreed by consensus to begin the process, the Superintendent will provide a self-evaluation for the December 7th meeting.

Tuition Rate:

The FY2017 Durham/UNH and ORCSD Staff Tuition rate is used as the basis upon which the town of Durham seeks a “payment in lieu of tax” from the University of New Hampshire for those children residing in UNH’s family housing facility (Forest Park) and as the rate charged at 1/3 to those staff that reside outside the District and have children attending ORCSD schools.

This rate has been calculated by using the estimated “cost per pupil” for the current fiscal year. The estimated cost per pupil for the current year uses the

data from the Department of Revenue's MS-22 form and the current year's October 1 enrollments.

Our estimated cost per pupil numbers are:

Elementary:	\$16,920
Middle School:	\$17,969
High School:	\$18,071

Al Howland moved to approve the above proposed tuition rates, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Start Time:

Student Poll Results: Student Representative Troy LaPolice detailed the Student Survey to the Board. They had all the information necessary to make an informed decision and the students were split 50/50 on the proposal.

Student Concerns: busing, the students are not a fan of the proposed single run systems and the time that would be spent on the bus. Sports was also a big concern for the students.

The stress that students feel is the homework and their commitments. It is not from their sleep schedule. Members of the Board thanked Troy and the Student Senate for coordinating this. This was a lot of work they accomplished in a short period of time.

Denise Day is asking that students be able to enter into middle and high schools who will still need an early drop off. We have working parents that we need to think about with students being dropped off early. We need to do what we can to mitigate problems that might come up with parents. Superintendent Morse agrees and noted that this can be built into the budget.

The Board had an in-depth discussion on the proposed start times and the impact on the busing system. There will be some evolving on how they coordinate athletics and after school activities.

Student Representative Troy LaPolice urged the Board to continue working on the structure of the school day and the amount of homework. Superintendent

Morse agrees that changing the start time is the tip of the iceberg on the issue and they will be examining the school day. He will be discussing this with staff on Tuesday to begin engaging them in dialogue on homework. This discussion does not address screen time habits or personal habits.

Al Howland moved to approve Option 6 for the 2017-2018 school year with the start times at MS/HS 8:15 – 3:00 and the Elementary from 8:45 – 3:00. The morning will be separate single buses and the afternoon a combined one run system, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

Maria Barth moved to amend the policy to add in: to develop and implement a before school plan, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Maria Barth withdrew her amendment and Al Howland moved to withdraw his motion.

Al Howland moved to approve the concept of option 6 later start time with separate buses in the morning and a one run bus system in the afternoon. They will also develop and implement a mechanism to allow students at the middle school and high school to be dropped off early, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

Motion passed 6-1 with Kenny Rotner and the Student Representative opposing.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action: None

B. Board Actions:

Al Howland moved to approve the ORHS/ORMS Coaches/Volunteers, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

High School/Middle School Volunteer Positions:

Tim McNamara	Girls Ice Hockey
Paul Franz	Martial Arts Club
Jason Nifong	Boys Basketball
Ed Szcpanki	Boys Basketball
Ned Clarke	Ski Team
Scott Masi	Ski Team

Derek Hubbard	Boys Hockey
Leslie Gelsomini	Girls Hockey
Scott Barton	Girls Hockey
Andrea Biniszkiewicz	MS Cheer Club
Sue Jackson	MS Cheer Club

Paid Positions:

Craig Randall	Boys JV Hockey	\$3,415
Griffin Richard	Boys Varsity Ice Hockey	\$5,514
Jamie Long	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey	\$5,214
Scott McGrath	Girls Indoor Track	\$3,558
Nick Ricciardi	Boys Indoor Track	\$3,933
William Reeves	Swimming	\$3,538
Lynn Santosuosso	Diving	\$2,430
Laura Fant	Girls Asst. Swimming	\$2,280
Lorne Lucas	Boys Varsity Basketball	\$5,139
Zach Lewis	Boys JV Basketball	\$3,340
Bill Sullivan	Boys Varsity Lacrosse	\$4,052
Craig Walfield	Varsity Baseball	\$4,202
Glen Miller	Varsity Softball	\$4,127
Emily Rodgers	Girls Varsity Lacrosse	\$4,052
Dan Watson	Boys Reserve Soccer	\$2,027

Middle School Paid Positions:

Martha Soloman-Kies	Field Hockey	\$1,977
Sunny Sadana	Boys 7th Grade Basketball	\$1,977
David Geschwendt	Girls 7th Grade Basketball	\$1,977
Jason Duff	Boys 8th Grade Basketball	\$1,977
Nate Grove	Girls 8th Grade Basketball	\$2,352

Motion to approve school Board Policies:

Policies for a First Read:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve for a first read:

GBEB	Staff Conduct with Students
IHBI	Alternative Learning Plan
IKAA	Interdisciplinary Credit Toward Graduation
ILBAA	High School Graduation Competencies
IMBD	High School Credit for 7/8 Grade Advanced Coursework

2nd by Maria Barth

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

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policy IHBH for a first reading, 2nd by Maria Barth.

There was a lot of work done on this policy by the leadership team in accomplishing this. There are a lot of students doing VLACs, internships, taking classes at UNH, and job shadowing. This is a very valid endeavor and these are opportunities that cannot be realized in the classroom. The Guidance Department is currently handling these opportunities. There needs to be an extended learning coordinator that handles these opportunities. This position could help students navigate their way through these opportunities.

Maria Barth moved to amend the policy and direct the superintendent to add a coordinator into the budget, 2nd by Denise Day.

There was a lengthy discussion by the Board about approving the proposed position prior to the Board budget workshop.

Maria Barth moved to withdraw her amendment and Denise Day withdrew her second to the motion.

The motion passed 6-1 with Sarah Farwell opposing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policy IKF for a first reading, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-1 with Sarah Farwell opposing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Denise Day reported that the Long Range Planning Committee is getting a better feel and continuing to tweak the formula for accuracy. They are within one percent.

Maria Barth reported that the End 68 Hours of Hunger is doing a fabulous job. There has been some food drives. They looking for donations.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine, Rachel Higginbotham, Erin Hiley Sharp, and Jennifer Lyon spoke and thanked the Board for approving the late start time.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: 11/7/16 Town of Madbury Selectman Meeting
11/10/16 Budget Workshop, Lee Safety Complex
11/16/16 Regular School Board Meeting
11/30/16 Manifest Review (5:30 p.m.)
Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
12/7/16 Regular School Board Meeting

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (if needed): None
NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 I (if needed): None

XIII. ADJOURNMENTS

Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary