

Oyster River Cooperative School District

January 4, 2017

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, Catherine Plourde, Suzanne Filippone, Dennis Harrington,

There was one member of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER:

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest reviewed and signed.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifests #14: \$1,373,256.16

Vendor Manifests #15: \$270,777.21

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF 12/21/16 REGULAR AND NON-PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:

Denise Day moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 21, 2016, 2nd by Al Howland

Revisions:

Page 1 Under approval of minutes from December 21 meeting minutes: change “Weichert” to “Wiechert”

Page 3 Paragraph 5 Insert: Denise Day wants to make sure that we are not limiting our options to Bachelor level staff.

Page 8 2nd Paragraph Insert: Denise Day suggested change the name of the fund to the Development Maintenance and Replacement Trust under Warrant Article 6.

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

Al Howland moved to approve the nonpublic minutes of December 21, 2016 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS

A. District: None

B. Board: None

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:

Todd Allen discussed the Sabbatical Process with the Board. There has been a lot of work done on this policy in the last year and they are coming up on the application deadline on January 17th. He has had staff reach out to him that they are interested. They will have to review these applications after they are submitted. He will need one School Board member to be a part of the Application Review Committee.

He also mentioned that the reading instructors at MW and MOH and ESOL teacher are leading an initiative that will help look at literacy instruction in the District.

Todd detailed that the Sustainability Committee's goal is to map the K-12 sustainability concepts. He is joining the committee to help them achieve this goal.

B. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Morse reported that he along with Todd Allen have joined the Middle School Competency Leadership Team and are planning a public forum on January 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Library at the Middle School. There will be an update at the February 1st Board Meeting.

Superintendent Morse reported statistics on last year's graduating class: 92% are attending college, 70% four-year college, 4% gap year and 4% military. Al Howland mentioned that many of the students taking the gap year already have acceptance into a four-year college the following year. Superintendent Morse will check to see if there is any data available on that.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Troy LaPolice reported that the Student Senate is in discussions about a Winter Carnival last week before February vacation. They will also need to recruit a new student Board representative.

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

At the last meeting there was a motion that was postponed from the last meeting:

“Al Howland moved to approve Option 1 which will have the impact at 3.0%, 2nd by Tom Newkirk.”

Option 1:

Includes \$100,000 additional revenue
 Budget Total: \$42,361,325 3.29% impact
 \$ 527,076 1.28% impact
 \$42,888,401 4.57% impact

Less Revenue:\$ 643,759 3.0%

Overall Budget Impact: 2.11%

Al Howland withdrew his motion and Tom Newkirk withdrew his second to his motion.

Option 3: Includes \$100,000 additional revenue and \$55,000 for Health Position at the High School

		Impact
Budget Total	\$42,416,325	3.42%
Warrant	527,075	1.28%
	\$42,943,401	4.7%

Less Revenue 643,759 3.14%

Durham 4.34%
 Lee 3.16%
 Madbury -.64%

Overall Budget Impact: 2.29%

Suzanne noted that there are 767 students at the high school right now and they are anticipating 804 students next year. Currently, the nurse’s office is sharing clerical support with the Middle School. There are increased medical

504s at the high school and an additional position would also allow the nurse to attend 504 meetings.

Dan Klein noted that the state average is one nurse for every 450 students.

Sarah Farwell is uncomfortable with the Board as opposed to the Leadership Team bringing the nurse position forward as the next one to be funded. Superintendent Morse said the reality is that the issues the nurses are dealing with at each building are significant. He would recommend the nurse position over the tech positions because of the incredible need. The tech positions are a big need also in the District and if the health insurance costs come in lower than expected he would recommend filling them.

Al Howland feels that this budget is balanced. They have tried to control the costs and been fiscally responsible. If it is health needs that are impacting students then it is difficult to say no.

Catherine Plourde commented that for each SPED student we keep in District saves us \$100,000 per year.

Kenny Rotner commented that the School Board has identified wellness as a School Board goal and an important component of the student's education with the high school nurse tending to the great volumes of health issues that arise, that person has little remaining time to promote wellness.

Denise Day moved to approve Option #3 which includes \$100,000 and health professionals 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Default Budget: The Board proposed explaining that the Default Budget is higher than the proposed budget.

2017 Warrant Articles:

The Board discussed with Sue Caswell proposed revisions to the explanations of proposed warrant articles.

Warrant Article 4 Explanation: Add - No amount to be raised by new taxation.

Warrant Article 5 Explanation: This fund was created to build the track and since we have done this we are recommending that we discontinue this fund. This fund has approximately \$xx.xx remaining.

Warrant Article 6 Explanation: Add: No amount to be raised by new taxation.

Assign Presentation of Warrant Articles:

Article 3: Tom Newkirk
Article 4: Denise Day
Article 5: Maria Barth
Article 6: Sarah Farwell
Article 7: Al Howland
Presentation of the Service Award: Dan Klein

Denise Day moved to approve the above slate of presentation of Warrant Articles, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

School Calendar: Will be postponed until the February 1st meeting.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Denise Day moved to approve ORHS Maternity Leave of Absence for May 2017-End of Year and Request 2017-18 one year of absence, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Al Howland moved to approve the ORHS Overnight Field Trip to Jazz All State Festival 2/2/17 – 2/4/17, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day made a motion to accept and present the finalized evaluation to Dr. Morse at the next meeting, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 7-0.

IX. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Kenny Rotner reported that the Policy Committee is crafting a policy about electronics and social media. They are also working on policies about volunteering in schools and background checks. They will be meeting next week.

The Board discussed the possibility of a public hearing during a School Board Meeting to allow input from the public on the proposed electronic policy.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dean Rubine commented on the wording of labeling the “overall budget impact.” He thinks that the Board has done a great job on the budget.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

Future Meeting Dates:

January 9	Superintendent with Durham Town Council Budget Update
January 11	Budget Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. ORHS Auditorium
January 18	Regular Board Meeting
January 30	Superintendent with Lee Select Board Budget Update
February 1	Regular Board Meeting
February 6	Superintendent with Madbury Select Board
February 7	Annual Meeting Session I

XII NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

. Superintendent Evaluation

Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session at 7:55 p.m under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Superintendent’s Evaluation, 2nd by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

By general consensus the Board agreed to re-enter public session at 8:33 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Barth made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion Passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary