

Oyster River Cooperative School District

January 18, 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

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Heather Machanoff, Corey Parker

There was five members of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Vendor Manifest #16: \$1,084,238.15

Payroll Manifest #15: \$840,719.32

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kenny Rotner moved to add a discussion regarding our country and the Department of Education, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Maria Barth moved to reschedule the nonpublic session until next Wednesday before the Middle School presentation, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Denise Day suggested seeing where we are at the end of the regular meeting. Maria Barth withdrew her motion and Kenny Rotner withdrew his second.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 1/4/17 regular and nonpublic meeting minutes:

Page 2: Superintendents' Report replace "7:00" with "6:30"

Page 4 Denise Day motion insert "and health professional" after "\$100,000"

Page 4 third paragraph: Replace paragraph with "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.

Page 4 replace 6 paragraph with: Kenny Rotner commented that the School Board has identified wellness as a School Board goal and an important component of a 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.

Page 6: Insert “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.

Denise Day moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 4th with the above revisions, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve the nonpublic minutes as revised 2nd Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS:

A. District: None

B. Board: Al Howland informed the Board of a letter that came from Matt Pappas who is on the school Board in Rochester. They are sending a letter to Governor Sununu asking them to reinstate building aid. He would like this added as a future agenda item for discussion.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:

Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen updated the Board on standardized testing. In October the District received the results of our 2016 SBAC and SAT. Our students performed extremely well across all grade levels and subtests. The ORHS SAT scores ranked us second in the state of number in total score and in math. Across the District, students scored 21 points higher on the ELA test and 24 points higher on the math test than the state average.

District uses for standardized data:

1. An indicator of overall performance of the District.
2. Curriculum development and refinement. This year math across the District has been a focus.
3. RIT Teams across the District utilize SBAC, STAR, Benchmark and other classroom data to focus student support efforts.
4. Individual teachers via the analytics tab in PowerSchool have access to historical and current data of their students for use at classroom level.

2017 Test Dates:

SBAC Testing Window: March 14-June 9

SAT Test Dates: April 5 and a Make-up date of May 2

NECAP Science Testing Window: May 1 – 25

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse reported that they received an air quality report back from Mast Way which tested positive for mold. They held a public meeting scheduled for last evening and no members of the public were present. They have accessed a lot of proactive measures and have scheduled a second round of testing. Finding mold is not usual and to get it mitigated is key.

Superintendent Morse briefly discussed that they talked to all the area superintendents today before they cancelled school. During the decision time to cancel school it was an icy rain and a best judgment call was made.

The principal search for Moharimet has been open for about a week and they have had 22 inquiries. They are in the process of forming the Interview Committee. They are looking for two Board members for this committee and will be having their first organizational meeting at the beginning of February. Al Howland and Dan Klein have volunteered to be on this committee.

Superintendent Morse read a letter to the Board from the Council on the petition warrant article to establish a football team. The School Board's role is to acknowledge the proposed warrant they need to make a recommendation on the proposed warrant article.

C. Business Administrator:

Motion to adopt FY18 Budget for Deliberative Session: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the FY18 budget for discussion at the deliberative session, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Default Budget: Al Howland moved to approve the Default Budget, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

Al Howland moved to approve Warrant Article 3 as written, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Warrant Article 4 as presented, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Warrant Article 5 and the explanation as presented, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Warrant Article 6 and the explanation as presented, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Warrant Article 7 as presented, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Tom Newkirk moved to recommend Warrant Article 8 as written, 2nd by Kenny Rotner.

D. Student Senate Report:

None

E. Other:

None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board had a discussion on this proposed petition Warrant Article. Athletic Director Corey Parker discussed that there is costs that are not included in the warrant article such as the lights on the field. Every fifth year there would be replacement of uniforms and helmets. Year one would be \$62,000 which also includes extra funding for costs of lights. They would need at least 30 kids to field a team. He doesn't have the information of how many kids are in ORYA but could get the information for the Board.

Kenny Rotner discussed that Policy JJIF has different level of sports. It also has factors for consideration:

Is the sport in compliance with Title IX and other statutory guidelines?

Is there a gender equity issue that would be addressed by the addition of a new activity?

Is there a feeder system at lower grade levels indicative of community, family, and athlete support of the activity?

Is the activity sponsored by the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association?

How many students would likely participate in the sport and sustain the numbers for many years?

Are there qualified coaches willing and able to coach?

Are there facilities for practicing and playing that can be used without undue hardship to existing teams?

What is the particular level of logistical and financial support expected from the school? In particular what would the total cost to the district be per student projected to participate in the program?

What is the timeline or potential for the sport to want to upgrade within our sport sanctioning levels?

Is there student capacity to add additional sports?

Is the program being advocated by students?

In no case, will negotiated stipends be exceeded.

He asked people to read Policy JJIF and JJIF-R.

Corey Parker mentioned that the field is currently being used for other sports. Most logical options would be to use UNH fields for games. Using Woodbridge Field in Durham for practices is also an option. Our locker room space is already very tight. Storage of all the equipment would need to be figured out and look at the best scenarios. The possible impact of Title IX would have to either add more women's sports or take away from men's sports. There would be a potential cost of adding a women's sport for Title IX sports. The costs of these factors have not been considered in the proposed petition Warrant Article.

Denise Day doesn't feel that there is funds in the budget available for her to support this proposed warrant.

Maria Barth feels that there is already organizations fund raising in the District and how much could be raised for another organization in the District. Maria knows that there are consulting firms that can accurately predict the total amount that can be raised in the District.

Sarah Farwell cannot recommend this proposed warrant article because there are other additional expenses that would be incurred.

Dan Klein agrees with Sarah in that there are significant costs that can be identified at this point and there are also a lot of unknown costs so unfortunately he cannot support this proposed warrant.

The motion failed 0-7. The Board has voted not to recommend this warrant.

Kenny Rotner is recommending that the proposed warrant be moved on the ballot for voting. At the Deliberative Session, this can be moved.

Sarah Farwell moved to charge the Communications Committee to prepare a statement on the Board's position of proposed Warrant Article 8 for Board's approval before the Deliberative Session, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Actions:

None

B. Board Action Items:

Denise Day moved to approve the Mast Way Maternity Leave of Absence from 3/6/17 – 6/2/17, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve MS26 as presented: Denise Day moved to approve the MS26 as presented, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Middle School Maternity Leave of Absence from 4/17/17 – end of year, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Letter to Secretary of Education: Kenny Rotner talked to the Board about the nominee who has put forward to be the Secretary of Education. He does not believe that she supports public education. In a nonpartisan way, he feels that Betsy DeVos would be inappropriate to be the Secretary of Education, a position that should advocate for all students and support public education.

Kenny Rotner moved to direct the Superintendent to send a letter to our senators as well as the Chair of the Committee Board that is advocating that committee that the Board does not approve, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Policy IHBH and R Extending Learning Opportunities, IHBI Alternative Learning Play, IKAA Interdisciplinary Credit Toward Graduation, ILBAA, and IMBD High School Credit for 7/8 Grade Advanced Coursework for a second reading of adoption as a slate,

2nd by Tom Newkirk. Denise Day amended her motion to remove ILBAA, 2nd by Maria Barth. The motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Policy ILBAA High School Graduation Competencies, 2nd by Tom Newkirk. Tom asked what happens if a student does not meet the base level of a grade. Todd Allen replied that in the middle school they are already talking about this as they are getting ready to roll out their competency based learning system. This could include summer learning opportunities and creatively building time into the student's day. Structures need to be built all along the way to ensure that students are on track. When the Middle School teachers come present to the Board on the competency based learning system, they can address this. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Denise Day moved to approve Policy IKF Graduation for a second reading, 2nd by Maria Barth. This Policy changes the Physical Education and Health Education from 2 Physical Education Credits to 1.5 Physical Education and Health credits. Todd Allen said that this will allow the students to create more flexible pathways. Al Howland discussed the possibility of students using after school sports toward the Physical Education Credits. Kenny said that there are other components to the formal Physical Education Program.

Al Howland moved to postpone this Policy for approval until the next School Board meeting, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0. This will allow for a more in depth discussion.

Denise Day moved to delete IMBC & R Alternative Credit Options, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion 7-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Maria Barth commended Gabby's Goodies for Good. The proprietor is 9 years old and she bakes cupcakes for good. She just recently gave End 68 Hours of Hunger \$50 of her earnings.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Rubine of Lee asked if football gets passed and implemented what happens next year.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates:

1/30/17	Superintendent with Lee Select Board Budget Update
2/1/17	Regular Board Meeting
2/6/17	Superintendent with Madbury Select Board
2/7/17	Annual Meeting Session I Deliberative

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

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Discuss Student Issue

Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session at 8:58 PM per RSA 91-A:3 (a) & (c) 2nd by Dan Klein. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

By general consensus the Board agreed to re-enter public session at 9:27 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Barth made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion Passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary