

Oyster River Cooperative School Board
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

June 4, 2015

ORHS

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Robert Mohr, Marie O'Neill, Rob McEwan
School Board Representative Present: Denise Day
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alyson Mueller was unable to attend the meeting; however she did provide some statistics on real estate activity. Year to date homes sold in the three towns of the ORCSD were 52 in the first five months of 2015 compared with 58 in the same period last year, a 10% decrease. Looking at the full year ending 6/4/2015 compared with the year ending 6/4/2014, the number of sold listings dropped to 162 from 173 last year, however the average number of days on market has dropped to 80 from 105 and the number of new listings has increased to 283 from 263. The committee decided we should try to find a realtor to join us in person next month. Separately, Rob McEwan will estimate the number of home sales in the exact locations served by Mast Way and Moharimet to better inform the split of students between the elementary schools.

We discussed how we might project the number of Barrington tuition students. Denise Day explained that at an April board meeting, Barrington Superintendent of Schools Gail Kushner estimated that 98 tuition students will attend Oyster River High School from Barrington in the school year 2015-16. The contract caps the annual increase in the total number of Barrington tuition students at 20%. Once the number reaches 125, Oyster River will become a school of record for Barrington. When this happens, Barrington families will no longer be required to pay the difference between Dover High School tuition and Oyster River tuition. Barrington could also begin to bus some or all of the tuition students. These factors could encourage more Barrington families to choose Oyster River High School. The total number of Barrington tuition students at ORHS is capped at 200, subject to the 20% annual growth limitation. Should the 20% growth cap not be reached in a given year, the actual (lower) number of tuition students will be used in calculating the following year's cap. We decided to use Barrington's estimate of 98 students for 2015-2016, or Todd Allen's more up-to-date estimate when he makes one, applying the 20% growth cap to estimate tuition students for 2016-17 budget guidelines. The 20% annual growth rate will be applied in future years until the 200 student level is reached.

Denise Day pointed out that the 2016-2017 budget will also assume the implementation of full day kindergarten. After some discussion, it was decided that we will use the regression equations currently used to project first grade enrollment, but apply them to the prior year's cohort of births to estimate full day kindergarten students for 2016-17.

We will invite the building administrators to our next meeting, asking them to bring a census of students at each grade level in June 2015. The next meeting will be held on June 22 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair