

Oyster River Cooperative School Board

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

August 4, 2014 ORHS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Katrin Kasper,
Lorna Jacobsen, Tom Merrick
School Board Representative Present: Denise Day
Administration Guest: Todd Allen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alyson Mueller sent the following information on the housing market. At the end of July, 101 home sales have closed year to date in the ORCSD, compared to 103 in the same time period last year. In addition, there are now another 33 properties under contract. Last year, 78 property sales closed in August and September. Lorna Jacobsen reported that the total number of UNH graduate students has declined to 2,120 this year from 2,178 in 2013 and 2,196 in 2012. We are hypothesizing that Durham's new student apartments are drawing graduate students from apartments in Newmarket and Dover and that those towns are likely to experience an influx of non-student residents to replace them. Separately, Lisa Allison reported that Superintendent Morse drafted a welcome letter and sent it to the three towns.

Dennis Harrington and Jay Richard were unable to attend the meeting so Lisa Allison reported their registrations to date for the school year 2014-15. Lisa noted that at this time, registrations for fall are close to what LRPC predicted in October 2013. The LRPC predicted 408 vs. 407 currently registered in Moharimet and predicted 680 vs. 669 currently registered in the Middle School. Carrie Vaich was also unable to attend the meeting and will send her fall enrollment next week.

Todd Allen said that the number of Barrington tuition students expected continues to exceed the minimum contracted number for 2015.

We decided that currently available information suggests there is little change to the 2014 enrollment projections for grades K-8 from last year (summer move-ins are above average but in line with the LRPC predictions made following last summer's surge). Therefore, there is no need to re-run 2015 forecasts now to prepare for the 2015 budget. The only numbers that need to be adjusted will be High School tuition students, as Barrington enrollments are coming in above the projections. Todd Allen should use the LRPC forecast for 2015 enrollment without tuition and add expected tuition students.

The budget calendar for this year has budget goals being distributed on August 20 and department reviews with the Superintendent beginning September 22. After day 1 enrollment is known, the LRPC will notify the principals if they indicate a material change that could impact their budgeting for 2015-2016.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair