

Oyster River Cooperative School Board

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

October 16, 2013 ORMS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Tom Merrick,
Lorna Jacobsen, David Taylor, Jennifer DeStefano, Michael Goldberg, Robert Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The committee discussed the draft run of the enrollment projections using that census and up to date births figures from the New Hampshire Department of State.

The committee reviewed a draft of the 2014-2015 projections to be provided in the budget book. Several minor corrections and improvements were suggested. Lisa Allison agreed to send the projections, as corrected, to Sue Caswell on the morning of October 17th.

We reviewed the projections for Mast Way and Moharimet using separately calculated grade progression ratios for each school, which differs from our prior methodology.

We reviewed preliminary projections for High School enrollment without Barrington through the year 2025. Larger cohorts in Middle School now drive High School projections up by about 50 students over 5 years. After that, the number of native students declines back to the current level and below 600 in 2025.

We reviewed the range developed by varying grade progression ratios and determined that, while the results are interesting, it would be better to develop a range based on average error of estimate based on historical predictions by the LRPC as compared with actual enrollment for historical years. Michael Goldberg has a folder full of historical LRPC projections and he will make them available as a starting point for calculating the range.

The committee reviewed the draft board presentation and made many suggestions for changes. Lisa Allison will prepare a new draft for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 23 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair