

Oyster River Cooperative School Board

**Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**

October 27, 2014 ORHS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Katrin Kasper, Michael Goldberg, Lorna Jacobsen, David Taylor

School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

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

Lisa Allison reported that Dennis Harrington has provided a list of 5 candidates who have expressed an interest in the 2 Madbury vacancies on the committee. None of these individuals were able to make it to the meeting on very short notice. The committee expressed thanks to Principal Harrington and requested that Lisa Allison invite all 5 individuals to the next meeting at which time they will introduce themselves, see what the meetings are like and have an opportunity to ask questions.

We reviewed the preliminary October 1 enrollment statement. Total enrollment of 2095 is less than half of one percent (ten students in total) higher than the LRPC predicted last November. We discussed the new regression coefficients for the three equations in the model. We reviewed the preliminary projections based on the first run of the model. We noted that Moharimet enrollment is projected to remain at 411, next year. After that, both elementary schools decline, reaching a low of 209 at Mast Way and 301 at Moharimet in 2020-21 before rebounding slightly in the later years of the projection. Denise Day requested a copy of the preliminary Mast Way Moharimet breakdown for use in the budget meetings. We will send it to Denise Day, ABC and the principals of the elementary schools.

We reviewed the pattern of high school tuition students in the preliminary projections, noting that the population grows quickly from 87 now to around 100, peaks in 2020-21, and then declines. The decline in later years reflects decline in the size of the ORCSD eighth grade cohort, upon which ninth grade native and tuition students are based. This decline begins in 2021-22. The committee believes that there are several reasons for expecting tuition student numbers to remain at the level of 100 or more rather than declining. Next spring we will review the contract with Barrington and the Barrington elementary and middle school enrollment figures and then re-visit the tuition student calculations. We will not change the methodology for this year.

The committee recommended cutting the number of slides in the PowerPoint presentation this year because we don't have as many issues to address as we did last year. This year, we will just stick to the projections.

Lisa Allison will make one minor change to the model, re-run it and prepare a draft presentation for the next meeting.

The committee will meet again on Monday November 10.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair