

Oyster River Cooperative School District

February 10, 2016

ORHS Library - REVISED

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Maria Barth, Dan Klein and Student Representative Caroline Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Mike McCann, Carrie Vaich, Corey Parker, and Catherine Plourde

There were 13 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER: by Tom Newkirk 6:30 – 7:00 Manifest Review

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Krista Butts from Lee NH spoke in favor of a cooperative football team. There are both boys and girls interested in this program. For some students this is their only sport and it is important for them to be able to play.

Willie Ouellette from Durham reaffirmed the commitment that these kids have made to football and this opportunity is a great solution to this problem.

Greg Poitras from Lee thanked Corey for his efforts in sustaining girl's hockey at ORHS, but asked if there are enough girls to sustain an ice hockey program for the next few years.

Jennifer Crute, President of the Girls Ice Hockey Boosters and is in favor of the cooperative program.

Noel Ouellette an 8th grade football player in Durham encouraged the Board to vote for this program.

Elizabeth of Durham is in support of this and that her father coached and hopes we will allow this opportunity.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 1/20/16 regular and non-public meeting minutes:

Denise Day moved to approve the minutes of January 20th, with the below revisions, 2nd by Al Howland.

Page 3 - Options to mitigate” change “east” to “ease” “HAS” should be “HSA”

Page 5 Paragraph 2 –Insert at the beginning of the third paragraph first line “and at that time it was decided that starting a football program was not the right thing for ORCSD.”

2nd sentence change “OTCSD” to “ORCSD”

In “a lengthy discussion ensued” please add “Denise asked if we could vote on the two proposals separately and the Board was told yes. It was a coincidence that they were being brought forth at the same time.”

Page 6 under Kate McMannus comment in first sentence replace “this” with “changing the start time”

The motion with the above revisions passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Al Howland moved to approve the nonpublic minutes of January 20, 2016 as written, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #17: \$1,316,582.87

Vendor Manifest: #18: \$589,072.91

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMENDATIONS:

A. District: Mike McCann of the High School reported that the Ethics Team came in second place in a regional competition in Boston. Fourteen students participated in a model UN in Boston. Marc LaForce chaperoned five students who attended the all-state jazz festival. The Boys and Girls Indoor Track Teams won runner up at the state level.

Carrie Vaich talked about the Mast Way 250th Town of Lee Celebration activities that are going on in the school. She congratulated the PTO who has been diligently raising funds for the playground at the school. Next week is Read Across America. Carrie will be posting all the upcoming activities online.

Jay Richard commended 18 students who will be recognized for their writing. This is a great achievement. He also congratulated Hannah Jones for her win in the Google Doodle competition at the State level. Reported that they have had some transportation issues with the ski club but they have all been worked out.

B. Board: Al Howland mentioned that the last ski club has been rescheduled to March 4th and they are looking for volunteers to help on that date.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: Todd Allen reported that they are about to head into assessment season. The juniors will be taking the SATs on March 2nd. This will be a valued assessment. They are in the process of planning the Smarter Balanced testing schedule assessment for grades 3-8. The Science NECAP for Grades 4, 8 and 11th grades will be held in May.

B. Superintendent's Report: The state wide telephone emergency readiness project was found to be in 100% compliance. This is a real commendation for the staff who worked so diligently on it. Superintendent Morse told the Board that in their back up packet is the outline for the high school principal hiring process search.

C. Business Administrator: FY16 Budget Update: Sue Caswell updated the Board that the District is where we were last year. She noted that the teachers' salaries balance is due to unencumbered coaches and extracurricular stipends.

D. Student Senate: Student Representative Caroline Wilson reported that the Winter Carnival is on February 19th. It's been a lot of detail planning to set up for this event but they have a lot of fun things planned.

E. Other: None

VI. Discussion Items:

Appointing 2 School Board Members to The Middle School Building Committee: Al Howland moved to appoint Kenny Rotner and Dan Klein to the Middle School Building Committee, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 5-0-2 with Kenny Rotner and Dan Klein abstaining and the Student Representative voting in favor of the motion.

Forming a Cooperative Football/Ice Hockey Team with Portsmouth: The Board discussed whether these potential cooperatives would have any impact or implications on Title IX. The Superintendent had reached out to legal counsel on this topic. The District is in compliance with Title IX right now. If this cooperative was approved and we had a number of male students who

wanted to play football it was recommended that the girls be surveyed to see if there are any sports that interests them to maintain compliance with Title IX. Corey Parker talked to the Board on the Title IX implications. Any girls who were interested in football, if the cooperative was approved, would be welcome to join. The cooperative programs would run in a two year cycle. The Cooperative Agreement would detail the expectations, the liability and the collection of money needs and would begin in 2017. Portsmouth would be the agent of financial funds directly instead of Oyster River. This would be a self-funded opportunity for the students to play for Portsmouth.

Kenny Rotner moved to authorize Corey Parker and the Leadership Team to develop a finalized of the letter of agreement for presentation at the next meeting, 2nd by Al Howland. This agreement will include liability and funds. Motion passed 6-1 Maria Barth opposing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Cooperative Girls Ice Hockey Team: There was a suggestion by the Board to hold off on this until the fall to see what the numbers are going to be for the team. They discussed bringing all those involved into a meeting to discuss a pathway for girls' ice hockey and presenting their recommendation and findings to the Board.

Al Howland moved to authorize a committee made up of ORYA, Middle School Hockey, High School Hockey and the Athletic Director to come together and develop a presentation of the girls' ice hockey program and the viability of our program and present their findings to the Board, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Update on Start Time: The Board workshop was cancelled due to storm. The Board rescheduled the Workshop for March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

VII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

**Motion to approve ORHS Maternity Leave of Absence 2/29/16 – 5/31/16:
Al Howland moved to approve the ORHS Maternity Leave of Absence 2/29/16 – 5/31/16, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Mast Way Robotics Club Stipend: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Mast Way stipend activity for Robotics Club Coordinator, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve two ORMS overnight field trips: Grade 8 Washington DC Trip 4/22-4/25 and Grade 7 & 8 Burlington VT Band Trip 5/6-5/7. Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above field trips, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Policies: Kenny Rotner moved to approve list of policies as a block: Policy ILD-R Educational Questionnaires, Survey and Research and Forms; Policy ILDA Non-Educational Questionnaires, Survey and Research; Policy IKAA Interdisciplinary Credit Toward Graduation; for a first read 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES: None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates:

February 16: Candidates Night – ORHS – C120

February 17: Manifest Review – ORHS – C120

March 2: Regular Meeting ORHS - Auditorium

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA-91-A:3 II (a) Superintendent Contract

Kenny Rotner moved to enter into non-public session at 8:47 PM, 2nd by Maria Barth under RSA-91-A:3 II (a), to discuss the superintendent's contract. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day made a motion to re-enter public session at 9:05 PM, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

**Maria Barth made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM, 2nd by Sarah Farwell.
Motion passed 7-0.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary