

# Oyster River Cooperative School District Board Meeting

## Regular Meeting- REVISED

May 6, 2015

Mast Way School

6:30 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** by Tom Newkirk at 6:30 for Manifest Review.

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

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Superintendent James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Carolyn Eastman, and Catherine Plourde

There were two members of the public present.

Maria Barth presented the Lighting the Earth Book by Diana Lynne Hoffman who was an OR graduate to Mast Way School. Moharimet had previously been given a copy of the book by the author.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Tracy Schroeder a Durham resident and District Nurse. She is giving a shout out to Doris Demers. Food Services has just been given two awards of recognition. A USDA representative came in today and gave recognition to both elementary schools for being a USDA Healthier US School Bronze Level. She also thanked the Board for supporting the Food Service Program.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion to Approve April 15 Minutes:**

**Al Howland moved to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day**

Revisions:

Page 6 Late start time Denise Day said that it would be important to gather as much information as possible regarding the impact on students, staff and parents before making a decision.

Page 2 Replace “teacher appreciation” with “staff appreciation”

Page 4 Barrington Update section should be moved to right after Approval of Minutes

Tom Newkirk not Superintendent Morse nominated Kenny Rotner to the Fields Committee.

Page 6 Licensing Agreement name should be in the motion. Related to Sullivan Property.

Page 2 Paragraph 2 remove the word "live".

**Motion approved with the above revisions 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to Approve Manifests:**

VM #22=\$620,079.26

PM #23=\$1,155,590.05

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**A. DISTRICT**

Jay Richard of the Middle School reported that there were not any issues related to UNH Cinco de Mayo. It went seamless and the kids were in school learning.

Smarter Balanced Testing at the Middle School will finish next week. The Tech Integrator has been invaluable during this time.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported that grades K-2 took the stage under the direction of Pam Felber and had their first concert at the high school. They did a great job! The visit from USDA today was amazing. This Friday will be the PTO Mayfair at the school.

Todd Allen from the High School noted that the Cinco de Mayo celebration went unnoticed. There was a group of student filmmakers who made the NH Film Festival. They can be seen on the District Website. There are many Power of One Projects going on right now. The Spring Musical "Fame" will be performed on May 21-24. Graduation is June 12 and Baccalaureate is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**B. BOARD:** Kenny Rotner thanked everyone in the District who was involved including the bus drivers and Lisa Huppe for navigating through Cinco de Mayo. Everyone did a wonderful job putting this together.

He acknowledge some of the fifth grade classes who have done an interpretive signage at Wagon Hill which will explain both the history and ecology. The plaques are beautiful.

Tom Newkirk reported that the Pancake Breakfast was beautiful. Linda Nelson the Soccer Coach is retiring and he sent a note to her on behalf of the Board for all her service.

## **V. DISTRICT REPORTS**

**A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports:** Carolyn Eastman updated the Board on Smarter Balanced. The middle school is about half way done. Moharimet is in its third day. The high school will start at the end of the month. Mast Way will start testing on Monday. This testing is about an hour and a half a day.

**B. Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Morse commended the University personnel who came over and helped assist at the middle school during Cinco de Mayo. Tom Selig and Chief Kurz did a great job.

**C. Business Administrator:** Sue Caswell noted that the budget is running pretty close to where it was last year. Revenues are running a little ahead of schedule. The total LGC Rebate is \$525,174. FEMA may be reimbursing the District 75% of the money expended from all the roof shoveling this winter. She will keep the Board updated.

**D. Student Senate Report:** Caroline Wilson, Student Representative, reported that the Senate met with the administrative staff about the open campus proposal. They are meeting with them again tomorrow after school.

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Board Goals for 2014-2015 A discussion with ORCSD Leadership Team.**

#### **Goal I: Complete the Strategic Plan:**

The Operations Plan will be presented in draft form for Board consideration in August 2014.

The Academic/Technology Plan will be presented in draft form for discussion by the second meeting in September 2014.

#### **Goal II: Develop a multi-year plan for implementation of full day**

##### **Kindergarten:**

Form a Broad Committee

Purpose to Define:

Timeline

Needed staffing

Curricula Needs

#### **Goal III: Begin Multi-Year Discussion Related to Long Term Viability of Oyster River Middle School**

Establish a broad committee  
Analyze current structure  
Analyze flexibility to meet academic needs

**Goal IV: Create a multi-year capital improvement plan:**

Review facilities and program analysis by Davis Goudreau Architects  
Prepare financials  
Create Warrant Article for Community Consideration in March 2015

**Goal V: Refine Proposal for ORHS Fields Update:**

Hire professionals to analyze concept design  
Prepare financials  
Create Warrant Article for community consideration in March 2015

**Goal VI: To create a PK-12 Vertically aligned curriculum that opens up more opportunity for student success.**

Identify strengths and needs of current program  
Investigate new options that offer greater opportunities for students  
Develop Intervention Strategies that mediate and accelerate student learning  
Increase the number of students in advanced mathematics participating in ORMS and ORHS.

At the workshop next week, there will be opportunities for the Board Members to ask questions and determine which goals will continue. The administration team will meet and determine what their top goals are and Superintendent Morse will bring their ideas to the workshop next week.

Denise Day would like the list of who is on the Fields Committee and how they are progressing. There will be three subcommittees: financials, communications and sustainable design committee. They are looking at other alternatives besides crumb rubber. Kenny Rotner will keep the Board updated on their progress.

**2015-16 Draft Master Schedule of School Board Meeting Dates:**

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Master Schedule of School Board Meeting dates for 2015-16, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**VII. ACTIONS:**

**A. Superintendent Actions:** None

**B. Board Action Items:**

**Approval of ORHS overnight Field Trip:** Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Oyster River High School overnight Field Trip for 2015-16 to Costa Rica April 22, 2016-May 1, 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**Motion to approve ORMS One Year Leave of Absence:** Kenny Rotner moved to approve ORMS 1 year (2015-2016) leave of absence, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**Motion to approve volunteer coach:** Kenny Rotner moved to approve Matt Miller as the Volunteer Basketball Coach at the High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**Approval of Policies:**

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the following slate of policies for adoption:

**Policy IHAE: Physical Education**

**Policy IHAMA: Teaching about Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and Other Abuse Substances**

**Policy JIHD: student Interviews and Interrogations**

**Policy JICI: Weapons on School Property**

**Policy ILBAA: High School Competencies**

**Policy IIB: Class Size**

2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policy Committee Charge:** “To continuously review and update all policies. To insure all Federal and state mandated policies are in place and current. To bring all policies reviewed before the school Board for consideration.” 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Kenny Rotner updated the Board on the Fields Committee. The Committee is coming together and they are planning to start the dialogue with the community early in the process.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**X. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:** May 14, 2015 Board Workshop,  
May 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

**XI. Non-Public Session/Non-Meeting Sessions:** None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary