

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Moharimet School**

October 1, 2014

Draft

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Ed Charle, Kenny Rotner, Sarah Farwell, Maria Barth, and Denise Day

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent James Morse, Dennis Harrington, Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Jay Richard, Catherine Plourde, Carolyn Eastman, Carrie Vaich

There were forty-five members of the public present.

I CALL TO ORDER: by Chair Tom Newkirk

II PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

Official Opening of the New Gymnasium at Moharimet: Moharimet Principal Dennis Harrington mentioned that this gymnasium has been twenty-five years in the making. He thanked the Superintendent Morse for seeing that the children needed a better cafeteria and that the children needed a better place for to learn. Dennis also thanked the Board, the Moharimet staff, Sue Caswell, the town officials and all those who worked very hard to get this project done.

Al Howland moved to name the addition The Dennis J. Harrington Cafeteria Gymnasium, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0. Superintendent Morse said that for twenty-five years Dennis has advocated for this gymnasium. Several people including teachers and students spoke honoring Dennis for his work and dedication at Moharimet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine of Lee discussed the budget goal of 3%. He wrote some suggestions for Policy IIB and they are on his blog. He feels it is important to get this policy right.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 17th Minutes: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the September 17th Minutes, 2nd by Al Howland.

Amendments: In the public comments section insert “have” before “eating”
Insert: Passed the first read with the understanding that changes would be made. There was a lengthy discussion on the Strategic Plan

Insert under Committee Updates: Al Howland also commented that Superintendent Morse will be going to the schools and talking with the public.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended above passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Vendor Manifest #8: \$349,362.60

Payroll Manifest #7: \$1,141,592.65

A District: Carrie Vaich of Mast Way noted that the Artists in Residents Program has begun at the School. They are bringing forth the message of kindness. They are working with each classroom. Next Tuesday night there will be an interactive experience where students bring together music and art to convey the message of kindness.

Dennis Harrington of Moharimet School reported that the Science Department is working with UNH to establish a series of events for the fourth graders. This is a cost effective way of connecting with the University that benefits the students.

Todd Allen of the High School spoke about the incident with a very small group of students that happened last week during Spirit Week.

Jay Richard of the Middle School reported that there is a very thorough Health Program at the Middle School. They will be meeting with a group of parents on October 23rd to discuss start times at the school.

B Board: Denise Day attended the first community dinner of the year last evening. It was very nicely done.

Kenny Rotner also commented that the dinner was very nice. There was a great presentation afterwards from a Psychologist who gave great advice for parents.

Maria Barth commented that she appreciates everything that is done in the schools regarding drug and alcohol. We as a community have to think about our own actions as well.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: None

B Superintendent's Report:

Enrollment Numbers: Superintendent Morse detailed the October 1st enrollment numbers with the Board.

Bus Fleet Update: There were five buses in the first week of school that broke down with students on them. Superintendent Morse will be reporting to the Board at a future meeting a proposal to lease several new buses.

Superintendent Morse had a meeting with the Mast Way school staff this morning on community based learning STEAM. He will be meeting with the Moharimet staff on Friday morning. They are excited about the possibilities ahead.

C Business Administrator – Budget Update: Sue Caswell reviewed the budget update as of September 26.

D Student Senate Report: Tom Newkirk read the report on behalf of the Student Representative. The Senate had put a lot of work to Spirit Week and it was for the most part a success. They will be beginning to brainstorm on fund raising events for next year.

Other: Athletic Field Project – Todd Allen/Corey Parker

Todd Allen and Corey Parker presented the Oyster River Athletic Facility Project.

Since the last meeting:

Completed all test bores;
Finished all design drawings;
Met with Town of Durham;

Current Facility:

Overuse resulting in no growing season
Current designs eliminates multi-events in the spring at the same time
Provides no environment for track team to practice
Closed all summer long
Minimizes PE Offerings
Dependent on dry weather

Proposed Facility:

Synthetic all weather turf field
6/8 lane track
All Field events
Reconfiguration of baseball and softball fields
Creating a safe environment
Maximizing practice space
Four light poles for turf field and track
Stadium bleachers with capacity of 3,000

Cost Breakdown for Facility:

Earthwork/Drainage	\$400,000
Turf Field	\$750,000
Track and Field Events	\$750,000
Bleachers	\$150,000
Lighting	\$250,000
Baseball/Softball Fields	\$100,000
Equipment for all Facilities	\$100,000
Total Cost:	\$2,500,000

Immediate Positive Impact:

Physical Education classes stay on Campus
Every ORYA Program
Community members
Track Teams have a home
Spring events can co-exist safely
Significant improvements to baseball and softball fields
Maximization of practice field space
Extension of the day and opportunity for night events
Potential for expansion in activities offered
Opportunities for all District and Community wide events in true setting

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Athletic Field Expendable Trust Fund

Superintendent Morse and Sue Caswell discussed bonding for this project. Depending on how much the payment would be they could go with a five year: \$297K year, seven year: \$230K year, or a ten year bond could be financed. A separate bond hearing is required for this project.

They have learned about two weeks ago that they will be benefitting again this year from the lawsuit in the amount of approximately \$400K. Superintendent Morse is suggesting that these funds go to the Facility Project.

There are already \$300K funds in the FORT account that has already been raised.

That leaves approximately \$500K for fund raising to bond a total amount of \$1.3 million.

This project needs to pass by 60%.

ACTIONS

A Superintendent and Board Actions:

Motion to release \$10,000 from the Athletic Field Expendable Trust Fund: Denise Day moved to release \$10,000 from the Athletic Field Expendable Trust Fund for permitting, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to appoint Catherine Plourde as Affirmative Action Officer: Al Howland moved to appoint Catherine Plourde as the Affirmative Action Officer, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to appoint End 68 Hours of Hunger Representatives:

School Board Representative: Maria Barth

Community Member: Renee Capicchioni Vannate

Community Member: Debbie Jarvis

Community Member: Wynne Graves-Moody

Community Member: Krista Butts

Community Member: Andrea Reade

Community Member: Barbara Nadori

Al Howland moved to approve the above list of End 68 Hours of Hunger Representatives, 2nd by Maria Barth. Al Howland moved to amend his motion to include that the current appointments will be interim until March, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion on the amendment passed 7-0. The original motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve 2nd read/adoption of Strategic Plan – Academic Goals:
This has been rescheduled to the next meeting.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the following motions: Motion to approve ORHS Teacher request for a two year Leave of Absence, Motion to approve Mast Way Teacher Maternity Leave of Absence from January 27, 2015 to End of Year, Motion to approve ORHS Paraprofessional Leave of Absence from January 20, 2015 to End of Year, 2nd by Denise Day.

Maria Barth moved to separate the question, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve ORHS Teacher request for a two year Leave of Absence, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-1 with Maria Barth opposing.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Mast Way Teacher Maternity Leave of Absence from January 27, 2015 to End of Year, and Motion to approve ORHS Paraprofessional Leave of Absence from January 20, 2015 to End of Year, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0.

Motion to approve list of policies for adoption

Al Howland moved to approve Policy LDA Student Teaching and Internships, Policy IJ Instructional Materials, Policy IKFA Early Graduation, and Policy IB Academic Freedom, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Al Howland would like the Communication Committee to work with the Administrators and Teachers on an initiative that encompasses at risk behavior.

Denise Day reported that the Long Range Planning Committee met and agreed to keep the formula the same for the next year. It is very accurate in terms of predicting the projected enrollment.

Ed Charle reported that The Sustainability Committee met. They are in the process of developing pillars for a green school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine discussed the budget goal. There are more tuition students that will be in the high school next year and they will need to hire additional teachers. The budget does not count the money they are taking in only what they are spending.

David Taylor of Durham would like to see multiple warrant articles for the Facility Project.

CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Date: October 15th
October 23rd School Board Budget Workshop

The Board members worked on the Manifests Review/Approval.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary