

## Oyster River Cooperative School District

May 18, 2016

Moharimet

6:30 p.m.

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

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Mike McCann, Catherine Plourde, Carrie Vaiche

There was four members of the public present

### I. CALL TO ORDER

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest Review/Approval at each School Board meeting.

**Approval of Manifests: Vendor #25 \$179,177.32, Payroll #24 \$783,533.38**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion to approve May 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Denise Day moved to approve the May 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland.**

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

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMENDATIONS

**A. District:** Tim Kenaley, Manager of the Oyster River High School Cafeteria has been recently selected as New Hampshire's Manager of the Year by the School Nutrition Association. Every Wednesday Tim offers Omelets Made to order.

Mike McCann of the High School announced that 49 students were inducted into the National Honor Society and 44 students were inducted into the World Language Honor Society.

Dennis Harrington of Moharimet recognized Alexander Taylor for installing the sound systems and the PTO for funding it. He commended the Middle School students for their work they distributed 100 yards of playground fiber and mulched the front of the building.

**B. Board:** Denise Day reported that the last community dinner was awesome and she appreciated the Wellness Fair that was there also. She also commended the music event at UNH. It was a wonderful coordinated effort between to see the music teachers perform as well as leading the students. It was a fantastic evening.

Sarah Farwell also attended the orchestra concert at UNH and commended students and staff present. It really highlighted the student's growth. The finale was arranged by a high school student.

Maria Barth mentioned that a former Oyster River Graduate passed from addiction. 90% of funding is spent on law enforcement and incarceration and only 10% on treatment and prevention. We have to open our eyes and learn about this and see what is working around the world.

Tom Newkirk and Al Howland attended Mr. Zotoli's Sociology Class on Education reform. They discussed the nature of experience of attending Oyster River. Al Howland noted that there is a deeper issue of what kids are going through and there is this intense pressure on students.

## **V. DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports**

Todd Allen reported to the Board that tomorrow is the last day of scheduled Smarter Balance testing in the district. He commended the IT department for all their work and effort that goes into the testing. The scoring is being done more efficiently this year as well. The teachers are planning some great initiatives for Summer Professional Development. There is a lot of integrated work that will be done across buildings and departments. There is a K-5 two day math work shop for teachers. There will also be a three day trauma response training for employees on how to build a crisis response plan. The Summer Reach Program sign up deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **B. Superintendent's Reports:**

Superintendent Morse reported that the state visited the District regarding adequacy. They visited both Moharimet and Middle School. There were 13 commendations awarded.

**Motion for the Last Day of School: Kenny Rotner moved to have June 20 the last day of school, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Klein. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Kenny Rotner moved to change first day for all students except Kindergarten begin on August 31 with the Kindergarten students starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Superintendent Morse reported that the Kindergarten enrollment is currently at 54 students at both schools. He will keep the Board posted in June on enrollment. If the enrollment increases, there may be a need to hire an additional teacher for the fall.

**C. Business Administrators Report:** None

**D. Student Senate Report:** Student Representative Troy Lapolice reported that the School Senate is moving forward on the fundraising for Miss Raiford. NECAP was recently held for juniors for Science. The Prom is tomorrow.

**E. Other:**

**YRBS Report:** Mike McCann and Todd Allen:

Oyster River High School Summary:

Last spring all students in grades 9-12 at Oyster River High School participated in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The results provide us with insight into our students' perceptions on many health and safety issues. Fortunately the high school has been participating in this survey for many years and can now analyze results from five years of data spanning nine years. Although the data is based on student perception only, there is some valuable information that can be gleaned from this data over time.

Insights and Highlights of the Report:

Overall we are a safe school and our students engage in safe behaviors such as consistent use of seatbelts and bike helmets. Our students also engage in a small number of physical fights and generally feel safe coming to school.

Generally our students report having health behaviors such as the low numbers of students reporting cigarette use, and soda consumption. Students are reporting watching less television, although it appears that there may have been a shift to computer/video games.

A large number of our students continue to participate in athletic activities, although overall physical activity has fluctuated.

Many students are reported that they are getting less than eight hours of sleep on average per night and this appears to be more common for grades 11 and 12.

When it comes to drugs, alcohol and tobacco parents are giving the message that their children should not be using these substances. Students report that they are seeing drug/alcohol prevention messaging in schools.

New products/substances do not have longitudinal data (vaporizers/e-cigarettes, synthetic marijuana) although ORHS numbers are comparable to other areas in the state when it comes to these products.

The number of students who report being sexually active remains consistent; there has been an increase in the students reporting not using protection during sexual intercourse.

Generally speaking our students are aware of the dangers and safety concerns regarding risky behaviors.

Examples of recent interventions:

Quick-tip anonymous reporting system was implemented last year to help students report bullying/school safety issues.

Recently conducted informational sessions for students on the health/safety issues related to vaporizers/e-cigarettes.

Anti-bullying curriculum has been part of Health classes and has recently been added to World Cultures courses.

ORMS Summary:

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Middle School took the YRBS. The purpose of the survey is to get a better understanding of the choices our students are making when it comes to their health. The results give us an opportunity to make adjustments in educational opportunities and target specific areas of concern from the survey.

The data clearly shows ORMS students recognize that the use of drugs and alcohol is wrong or very wrong. Further ORMS student data reports that students are aware that their parents would consider their use of drugs or alcohol as wrong or very wrong.

ORMS students have a very low rate of physical violence at school.

ORMS students are physically active and overall have healthy diets with a low rate of screen time use.

Eighty percent report that they have participated in a club.

Two examples of recent program changes due to the YRBS data:

Suicide prevention in grade 8 where we use the sign of suicide curriculum which is CDC approved and recommended.

We also have implemented the Acknowledge Care Tell Program in grades five through eight.

We have seen a decrease in student's report of being bullied at school. This year Quicktip was implemented.

Student Representative Troy Lapolice doesn't feel that Quick-Tip anonymous has been well publicized in the school. Mike McCann and Todd Allen agreed to address it again in the assembly. Awareness is very important as well as connecting each student with an adult.

The Board had an in depth conversation on some of the statistics on the Survey. Mike McCann reported many of the issues are covered in the Freshman Health Class. They would like to have more speakers in that have experienced risky behaviors.

#### **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**UNH Student Survey:** Alex Chase a UNH Student would like to conduct a questionnaire and focus group on what affects student's choice of transportation mode to school. He would like to report back on the findings at a future Board meeting. Parents do have the ability for their children to opt out of this questionnaire. This questionnaire will be conducted at Newmarket and Winnacunnet Schools as well.

**Denise Day moved to approve this survey administered to the juniors and seniors at the high school, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **ORCSD Draft Handbooks for all four schools:**

**Motion to approve Draft ORCSD Handbooks for all four schools.**

**Sarah Farwell moved to approve all draft school manuals for the 2016-17 school year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-1 with Maria Barth opposing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Maria Barth moved to postpone the approval of Draft ORCSD Handbooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion failed 1-6 with Maria Barth voting in favor.**

**Chinese Language Plan:** Superintendent Morse discussed that the ORCSD School Board begins discussion in July on replacement goals and finalizes them in August of each year. The exception is the budget goal discussion which begins in September and is finalized in November.

There were three separate and distinct recommendations embedded in the presentation of April 20<sup>th</sup>.

1. The proposal to include Chinese into the middle school and high school for grades 5 – 12.
2. The expansion of the Middle School Program from an exploratory to core program and;
3. The addition of an elementary program.

The Board discussed implementing Chinese at the 7 and 8 grade level. There was also a discussion of what are the right language offerings for the School District. How long would the Program be offered at no charge? How many language offerings are appropriate for a school District of this size? Superintendent Morse will gather information about the trends and options and will also look at logistical set up in World Language and will report back to the board with his findings at a future Board meeting.

## **VII. ACTIONS:**

**A. Superintendent Action Items:** None

**B. Board Action Items:**

### **Spring Coach Nominations:**

<b>Natalie Bilynski</b>	<b>.5 Girls Assistant Outdoor Track</b>	<b>\$1,653.50</b>
<b>Daniel Rowe</b>	<b>.5 Girls Assistant Outdoor Track</b>	<b>\$1,653.50</b>
<b>Emily Gelz</b>	<b>MS Outdoor Track</b>	<b>\$2,348</b>
<b>Amanda Zeller</b>	<b>MS Library Magazine</b>	<b>\$1,957</b>

**Al Howland moved to approve the above slate of Spring Coach Nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

List of Policies for First Read:

Student Education Records and Information	JRA
Student Education Records and Information Procedure	JRA-R
FERPA Student Annual Notice	JRA-E
Confidential Student Information	JRB
Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention–Bullying&Cyberbullying	JICK
Agenda Preparation and Format	BEDB
Personnel Records	GBJ & R

Superintendent Morse mentioned that these policies with the exception of Agenda Preparation are the result of law changes.

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above slate of Polices for a First Read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Superintendent Morse requested that if a Board member receives communications from anyone please forward it to the SAU. This way they can help craft responses.

Denise Day reported that the LRPC is meeting next Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Tom Newkirk reported that the Negotiation Committee met with the Guild. It was a good meeting.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

#### **X. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:** 5/25/16 Workshop at ORHS, 6/1/16 Regular meeting at ORMS

**XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91A:3:** None  
**NON-MEETING: RSA 91-A:2 I (a)** Strategies with Respect to Collective Bargaining – Guild Negotiation Update

#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Kenny Rotner moved to adjourn this portion of the meeting at 9:23 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Kenny Rotner recusing himself.**

**Maria Barth made a motion at 10:04 pm to return to public session and adjourn at 10:05 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary