

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
REGULAR MEETING**

REVISED

June 15, 2016

Oyster River High School, Library

6:30 PM

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Mike McCann, Jay Richard, Carrie Vaich, Dennis Harrington, Catherine Plourde, Josh Olstad, Heather Machanoff, Corey Parker
Visitor: Lisa Harling, District Treasurer

There were 7 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Tom took a moment to express his concern for the individuals involved in the fight that occurred on June 3rd and for the community.

Superintendent Morse also expressed that this was a difficult week for the students and community as well as the country with the Orlando tragedy. The senseless violence impacted all of us as a community and also noted that the individuals in the altercation were from two different schools, but both students were residents of our District. The District's response was to immediately open the counseling offices at all schools which put programs in place that would allow the students to feel comfortable with expressing their concerns or questions. We have dedicated professionals and we take pride in our students' performance and behavior and there is nothing more important to the administrators and staff than the trust you have for the care of your children.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom explained that there is a new format for the agenda that added a section for approval of the agenda and would also be the place if additional items need to be added at the beginning of the meeting. We also added under Section V. "and Comments" to the heading. He noted that an error was made on this form at the end where the headings in section XII and XIII were reversed and this will be corrected for the next meeting.

Tom asked for a motion to accept the approval of the Agenda.

Al Howland made a motion to accept the approval of the agenda, 2nd by Maria Barth.

Motion passed 7-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lynette Myles expressed her disappointment in the timeframe in which the District responded to the community about the June 3rd altercation. As a result, the rumors were flying. Asked that going forward the District report out on the findings of the investigation and lay out preventive measures to keep this from happening again.

Abby Flores also here as a concerned parent. She appreciated the superintendent's efforts. She also thought that the District should have a social media workshop for parents.

Ms. Deborbesky wants to know what she can do as a parent to help the community. Don't know what the high school offers, noticed there were no posters on bullying or where students can go. Community should come together with ideas and present to the School Board.

Al Howland read a letter for his wife Janet that could not be here. Asked that the community be given access to the YRBS that was just done as well as past reports for comparison. Suggested some ideas that should be considered. 1. Peer Advice, 2. Accentuate the positives whenever it's appropriate, 3. Don't sweep under the rug or tiptoe around certain subjects, 4. Emphasis should consistently be on prevention.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 5/25/16 start time workshop minutes and 6/1/16 regular meeting minutes:

Denise Day moved to approve the 5/25/16 start time minutes, 2nd by Al Howland.

Denise Day moved to approve the 6/1/16 regular minutes, 2nd by Al Howland with the following revisions. Motion passed 7-0.

Revisions:

Page 4 of the 6/1/16 minutes under Section VI-Kindergarten Enrollment Update after the second sentence add: Denise Day noted that the LRPC projections for all of kindergarten was 104 with a top enrollment of 111.

Page 3 of the 6/1/16 minutes in the third paragraph add at the end of the sentence: Ian Fleischer, and Chris Hall. Also in the same sentence correct the spelling of the award to Heinemann.

Page 7 of the 6/1/16 minutes add to the end of the paragraph: Sarah Farwell asked if teachers and administrators discussed that this was a work in progress, feedback to be solicited from staff, students and families. She asked questions and voiced concerns particularly about three tiered vs. four tier choice concerns.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll manifest # #26 \$1,014,158.33

Vendor Manifest #27 \$948,647.83

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

A. District:

Mike McCann congratulated Matt Pappas for receiving the Smart Veteran Teacher of the Year Award after being nominated by the Lee NH VFW. Also congratulated Nevin Caulfield for being student of the week and an article in Fosters honoring him for his photography award that he received in New York.

B. Board

Sarah Farwell commended the Music Department on the fabulous entertainment that they provided with the musical and silent movie.

Al Howland commended Greg Gephart, cross country and track coach who is stepping down after this year. He has been an amazing coach that has a program that makes you the best and is an amazing testament to a coach's influence on kids.

Denise Day mirrored Al's comments pertaining to Greg and thanked him for all his years of service. Commented and commended Sean Kelly and the writers for Mouth of the River – it was outstanding. She spoke to the parents in the audience and encouraged them to attend the high school PTO meetings in the fall as they are very informative and it is a good way to find out what is happening in the schools.

Kenny Rotner stated that the graduation ceremony at the alternative venue was very successful and the outgoing senior class president was very inspiring.

Tom Newkirk thanked Mike McCann for the wonderful and seamless transition and asked for a round of applause.

Maria Barth commented on the results of the YRBS that 60% claim that they have unprotected sex and that we should consider vending machines in the restrooms.

Sarah Farwell asked Jim if the Board could have a presentation on how the change to Standards Based Reporting will impact 8th graders applying to private schools.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction Report(s):

Todd informed the Board that the Summer Reach is offering 33 camps with 233 students attending. Mentioned that if parents were informed that a camp was cancelled, that there still is availability to enroll in another. Re-iterated that a free lunch 11:30 – 1:00 will be provided for any school aged child to participate thanks to Doris Demers and her department. He reminded everyone that Durham Parks and Rec will be hosting afternoon events and that we will be providing transportation to their program.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Kindergarten enrollment update:

Superintendent Morse asked the Board to please review the Mast Way enrollment numbers compared to the Moharimet numbers that were in the packet. He explained what the current scenario is and suggested a Kindergarten/Grade 1 combination class at Mast Way.

Discussion between the School Board, Dr. Morse, and Principal Vaich ensued and each member commented and shared their concerns or questions to this suggestion. Denise Day, Al Howland, Dan Klein, Tom Newkirk are favorable to this combination class and feel that it could work. Maria Barth and Kenny Rotner were concerned about the load this might cause the teachers. Kenny Rotner also expressed that a smaller kindergarten class would better serve our students. Sarah Farwell was concerned that there was no indication in the Board packet that a K/1 combination would be discussed.

Tom asked for a motion to create a Kindergarten/Grade 1 combination class at Mast Way in the fall.

Al Howland made a motion to create a Kindergarten/Grade 1 Combination class at Mast Way School in the fall, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 5-2 with Maria Barth and Kenny Rotner opposed.

Review Architects 2015 Middle School Report:

Superintendent Morse explained that he was providing this report to the Board in advance as this will be discussed at the July meeting.

C. Business Administrator

Field Bond:

Sue Caswell explained to the Board that the District has two options that they can choose from. The first is an interest rate of 2.18% with no penalty for prepayment or an interest rate of 1.97% but this will have a penalty for prepayment.

The Board asked if there was a chance that we would pay off early.
Jim explained that both rates were extraordinary, so either option is good.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to approve the Field Bond with the interest rate of 1.97% knowing that there is a prepayment penalty, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0

The Board and Treasurer then signed the documents for the Track & Field Bond.

D. Student Senate Report: None

E. Other:

Mental Health Sub-Committee Report

Todd Allen and Heather Machanoff reported on the mental health sub-committee consisting of 15 members based on the School Board goal "Improve efforts related to student wellness and mental health, District wide by June 2016" to present the following information:

Improve efforts related to Student Wellness and Mental Health - April 2016

- a. Evaluate Current Efforts
- b. Engage the Community
- c. Ensure Broad Internal District Participation (School Counselors, Nurses, Social Workers, etc.)
- d. Update and Revise Adopted Plan

Needs Assessment

- a. Access to mental health services
- b. Comprehensive and accessible directory of mental health providers in the local area
- c. Implementation of a mental health screening tool
- d. Additional suicide prevention education
- e. Additional staff training in the areas of mental health/crisis response/suicide prevention
- f. Dedicated personnel in the area of social work
- g. Resiliency and coping strategies education
- h. Update existing crisis plan/create district wide plan
- i. Increased community involvement

Looking Ahead

- a. Post-traumatic Stress Management and Psychological First Aid Training with Dr. Robert Macy of the International Trauma Center in Late July
- b. The Development of a K-12 Crisis Plan
- c. Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention training for Staff and community members
- d. Suicide prevention curriculum including additional mental health screening tool
- e. Three Community Dinners/Wellness events
- f. The committee would like to explore:
 1. The impact of technology on healthy development
 2. How to best address mental health needs of students at-risk
 3. YRBS Data

The Board thanked Todd and Heather for their presentation.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Technology Lease Approval:

Josh Olstad explained that this lease will be replacing 285 iPads throughout the District as they are 5 years old and showing their age. Leasing is the option that we have used over the past two years for purchasing technology. It allows us to make sure that the technology stays up to date and allows us to save \$17,167.56 by leasing over buying.

School Board asked questions pertaining to warranties, is maintenance included and at the end of the lease are the iPads returned.

Josh also explained that we buy military grade cases to store the iPads for greater protection.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to approve the 3-year Technology Lease for iPads, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion Passed 7-0

Tom Newkirk asked for a 5-minute recess.

VIII. ACTIONS

- A. **Superintendent Actions:** None
- B. **Board Action Items**

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months: Al Howland made a Motion to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve ORHS Mathematics Teacher: Denise Day made a Motion to approve ORHS Mathematics Teacher, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve ORMS Technology Integrator: Denise Day made a Motion to approve ORMS Technology Integrator, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion to approve List of Policies for first read: Denise Day made a Motion to approve the following List of Policies for first read, 2nd by Dan Klein:

Discussion:

Kenny Rotner asked if we could amend the motion to pull policy JICJ – Technology Devices for discussion before moving it forward for a first read.

Amended Motion to approve List of Policies: Denise Day made a Motion to approve the following List of Policies removing JICJ for further discussion, 2nd by Dan Klein:

**JLCD – Administering Medication to Students,
JLCD-E – Parent Request,
JLCD-E1 – Physician Medication Order,
GBGA – Staff Health,
GCB & R– Sabbatical Leave**

Motion Passed 7-0.

Discussion on Policy JICJ – Technology Devices

Kenny explained that this policy was discussed in detail by the Policy Committee and that the parent concern was to the language in the middle school handbook and not the current policy.

Sarah Farwell was okay with broad nature of Board policy, but feels student technology use is a huge issue that needs looking into.

Denise stated that a big change to the handbook for this fall would be hard. She did note that the handbook would have a copy of the JICJ Policy included in the handbook.

Al suggested that maybe a PDF version could be sent separately to all parents.

Motion to approve Policy JICJ – Technology Devices: Maria Barth made a Motion to approve Policy JICJ – Technology Devices for a first read, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion Passed: 7-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Al Howland stated that the negotiation team met with the Guild today and that we will be meeting again next week.

Denise Day reported that the LRPC will be meeting on Monday, June 20th and that Tom Merrick the Durham representative is stepping down and she would like to nominate Allyson Mueller to replace Tom. Denise explained that she is a realtor and has helped with the research for the annual reports.

Motion to nominate Allyson Mueller as the new Durham Representative for the LRPC. Denise Day made a Motion to nominate Allyson Mueller as the new Durham Representative for the LRPC, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion Passed 7-0

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee stated that he is not living in the District that he thought he was with the YRBS results and the recent fight. He spoke on the 5/25/16 start time minutes stating there were 6 options, but no details of what those options were and it would help if minutes are more detailed. Also, he was part of the principal hiring committee and has had people asking him if the District was going to have something to introduce her to the community.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS

A. Future meeting dates: 6/29/16 Manifest Meeting, 7/13/16 Regular Mtg. @ ORHS

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Kenny Rotner made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 9:18 PM under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a student matter, 2nd by Al Howland. Upon Roll Call motion approved 7-0.

Al Howland made a motion to re-enter public session at 10:17 PM, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Denise Day made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 PM, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed.