

**Oyster River Cooperative School District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting - REVISED**

September 2, 2015

High School

6:30 pm

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

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Carrie Vaich, Jay Richard, and Dennis Harrington

There were two members of the public present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee thinks that it will be tough to get the votes needed if we go for a bond again on the athletic fields. He talked about the proposed budget goal.

Rob Sullivan of Durham talked about the track funding and thinks that switching the Orchard Drive Property is a good use of assets to put towards the track project.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the August 19th regular meeting minutes.

Revision: Replace: the vote 6-1-0 with 6-0-1.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the August 19th meeting with the above revision, 2nd by Denise Day.

Motion approved 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS: Payroll Manifest #4: \$210,649.14 and Vendor Manifest #5: \$233,831.12

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

A. DISTRICT:

Todd Allen reported a smooth opening of the high school. He thanked the custodians and the maintenance staff for all the work that they did to make things happen. The IT staff was working long hours to get everything ready. September 17th is open house at the high school.

Jay Richard commended the support staff for all their behind the scenes work. It was a great start of the school year.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported that they had a fabulous day back to school. The school looks beautiful. The PTO is hosting the back to school picnic Friday September 11th. Saturday October 3rd will be a community planting day at Mast Way. There will be an open house on September 23rd.

Dennis Harrington of Moharimet reported that they had a cookout welcoming new students. Kindergarten Orientation went well.

Carolyn Eastman commended all the administrators in the buildings. The teachers are starting the year off with everything they need. She commended the Summer Reach Team for all their work which concluded about a week ago.

B. Board:

Kenny Rotner noted the staff getting ready for the start of school and commended them for all their work.

Tom Newkirk congratulated Dr. Morse who was chosen as a Delegation to Cuba.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent: None

B. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Morse discussed the Algebra Program at the Middle School and today all the kids are reaching the level that they should be reaching.

He noted that all the kindergarten classrooms are all at 18. Any new kindergarten students coming into the District will be registered at Moharimet.

Superintendent Morse commended the Administration Team for all their hard work that went into a smooth opening. This District has a quality Leadership Team.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report: Caroline Wilson reported that the Student Senate will be working on Spirit Week.

E. Other: None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ORCHARD DRIVE APPRAISAL: The Orchard Drive appraisal came in at \$290K. The Board had an in depth discussion on whether they can apply for a variance which could possibly allow for more house lots on the property. They will continue this conversation at the next Board meeting.

FY2016-17 Budget Goal: The Board discussed the draft revised Budget Goal. Revised from School Board discussion on August 19, 2015: Budgeting is directly related to our academic vision. The ORCSD School Board adopted a Strategic Plan to inform the communities of the overall direction of the school district.

The Budget Goal is intended to meet the 2016-17 School Board and Strategic Plan goals.

The proposed budget as presented will include the costs for full day kindergarten and the athletic field's reorganization at the high school. It will also include all completed negotiation agreements and health insurance costs.

The goal will include all identifiable revenue and will not have an overall impact that exceeds 3%.

The Board had an in depth conversation about the above proposed Budget Goal. This does not include any additional proposed warrants.

Athletic Field Funding:

Possible funding scenario with no bonding: The Board had a financial discussion on the possibility of a no bonding Athletic Field financing option. The proposed budget assumes an increased cost to the project of \$300,000 to reflect alternatives to crumb rubber that is consistent with revised estimates.

VII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent: None

B. Board Actions:

Nomination of ORCSD School Resource Office for Durham (ORHS/ORMS) and Truant Officers for Lee (Mast Way) and Madbury (Moharimet)

School Resource Officer ORHS/ORMS	Officer Holly Malasky - Durham
Truant Officer Mast Way School	Officer Donald Laliberte - Lee
Truant Officer Moharimet School	Chief Joseph McGann - Madbury

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above School Resource Officer and Truant Officers, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve ORHS .5 FTE Business/Computer Teacher: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the ORHS .5 fte Business/Computer Teacher, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to sign the MS25/DOE25: Kenny Rotner moved to sign the MS25/DOE25, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

ORHS Coaching Nominations:

Volunteer Positions:

Felicia Arsenault	HS Field Hockey
Olivia Carney	HS Field Hockey

Paid Positions:

Derek Cangelo	Girls Jr Varsity Soccer	\$2,608
Paul Bamford	Varsity Golf Coach	\$1,957
Travis Mitchell	Jr. Varsity Golf Coach	\$1,272

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above slate of ORHS Coaching nominations, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve the stipend activity at Mast Way:

Heather Moulton New Teacher Mentor \$500

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Heather Moulton as a new teacher mentor at Mast Way, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to Adopt Policies: IKG - Awards and Scholarships and Policy IJO - School, Family and Community Partnership: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the adoption of Policies IKG and IJO, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII: SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Maria Barth reported that the End 68 Hours of Hunger Committee has not met yet this academic year. She will report to the Board after their next meeting.

Superintendent Morse announced that Carolyn Eastman has accepted employment outside the District. He wanted to thank her for all the effort and commitment she has put into the District over the past three years.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee talked about the proposed budget goal.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: September 16th Regular Meeting at Mast Way
October 7th Regular Meeting at Moharimet

XI. NON PUBLIC SESSION: Kenny Rotner moved to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c), *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than the member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting*, 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

NON-MEETING SESSION: Immediately followed the non-public session.

Upon returning to public session the School Board voted to seal the nonpublic minutes for the reasons that, *Releasing information would adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.*

XII. Adjournment:

At 9:18 PM, Kenny Rotner made a motion to return to public session, seconded by Al Howland. The motion passed 7-0.

At 9:20 PM, Kenny Rotner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Al Howland. The motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary