

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

November 18, 2015

OR 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 Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Catherine Plourde and Mark Milliken.

There were 2 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m. for Manifest Review/Approval

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Student Emma Hillary Gould spoke about the homework load being very time consuming and how vital a study hall would can be. Entering freshman course loads are very full and taking an elective is hard to fit in such as band due to having to take P.E. in freshman year. Emma supports using extra-curricular activities as the PE credit.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 11/4/15 regular meeting minutes. Kenny Rotner moved to approve the 11/4/15 minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Revisions: Page 2 in body of motion after page 3 at the end of the sentence remove half day. Under Announcements and Commendations-Board: add "in conjunction with" after Rotner in first sentence and change farmers to "winter"

Motion to approve 11/4/15 non-public minutes. Al Howland moved to approve the 11/4/15 non-public minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Revisions: Need to break out the non-public meeting section into two separate meeting as follows:

Kenny Rotner at 7:22 pm re-entered into a nonpublic session under RSA-91:3 II (3), Discussion of matters that are likely to adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the School Board, 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The motions with the above revisions passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #10 \$915,188.27
Vendor Manifest #12 \$226,556.40

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. District:

Todd Allen wanted to let everyone know that the 1st quarter grades were posted on Friday and can be accessed through Power School.

The Play 12 Angry Jurors will be presented on Thursday, November 19th – Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 PM.

Boys Soccer team won the D2 State Championship.

Girls Soccer team made it to the semifinals.

Cross Country team had 2 girls and 1 boy compete in the New England State Championship.

B. Board:

Tom Newkirk informed everyone that that Jean Robbins, the former principal for the Oyster River Elementary School passed away last week. He spoke eloquently of her service to ORCSD.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports: None

B. Superintendent's Reports:

Smarter Balanced Testing results for the elementary schools mailed to parents last week. The middle school results will go out this week.

Tom Newkirk asked if a presentation to the Board can be given showing the Top 10 Insights to Smarter Balanced that we are going to act on.

C. Business Administrator:

Sue Caswell spoke on the annual tuition calculations to be approved by the Board and how we use the October 1 count and the current year budget to come up with the tuition rates.

Motion to approve proposed tuition rates for elementary at \$16,813, middle school \$17,137, and high school at \$18,408: Kenny Rotner moved to approve proposed tuition rates for elementary at \$16,813, middle school \$17,137, and high school at \$18,408 , 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

D. Student Senate Report:

Reported that the Junior Prom Committee had a venue visit and are moving forward.

The Senate Committee are planning a lot of fun events and have many fund raisers in the works.

E. Other: Long Range Planning Committee – Lisa Allison

Lisa explained that the main purpose of the committee is that once a year they do a ten year enrollment projection that hopefully can be completed in time for budget preparation.

She explained their power point presentation and answered numerous questions from the Board.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Draft Warrant Article:

Dr. Morse explained that both he and Sue Caswell have put a draft version of the warrant articles in front of you for review and discussion. and No vote was taken as the warrant articles were provided to prepare the Board for later decision.

Sue explained that in reviewing her notes the explanation on the athletic fields needed to have “environmental” aspect added to the explanation and she will do that for the next meeting.

Questions were raised but due to the amount of information to be discussed Kenny asked if this item could be moved for later in the meeting.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to move forward with the remaining discussion items and come back to the warrant article, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Full Day Kindergarten:

Dr. Morse gave a brief summary of what has transpired so far on this topic. He explained that he has met with all of the kindergarten teachers and they have decided that they want to see what a model day would look like before presenting to the Board. They will report at the December 16th School Board Meeting.

School Board asked that we start to work on notifying parents and the community that this is a Board goal that is included in the 2016-17 budget, and also that beginning in January a public forum will be held to answer questions and present what this format would look like for students.

Disband End68Hours of Hunger Committee:

Maria spoke on behalf of this committee and highlighted all the great work that has transpired since its creation. She felt that there is no Board policy that addresses a community based organization and that no money has passed through the schools. She explained that there are more children this year than ever making use of this service.

Tom asked if there would still be a link to the schools and Maria reported that Katherine Moore will be chairing this committee and Maria will still be active in this as well.

Maria Barth moved to disband the End68 Hours of Hunger subcommittee 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Draft Warrant Article continued:

School Board discussed the various options presented to them by Dr. Morse and discussed other options that may also be considered.

Dr. Morse reminded them that this was just a draft to have them take home and review, but asked if there were any questions to please pose them to him or Sue and not to discuss between themselves as that would constitute a meeting. He explained that if he did receive a questions, he would make sure that the response was given to everyone.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items

Motion to appoint candidate Todd Allen to the Assistant Superintendent position: Al Howland moved to accept candidate Todd Allen to the Assistant Superintendent position, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with student representative voting in the affirmative.

Todd received acclamation from the Board.

Motion to approve ORHS overnight field trip April 14-17 to Montreal, Quebec. Kenny Rotner moved to approve ORHS overnight field trip April 14-17 to Montreal, Quebec, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve ORMS coaching positions. Kenny Rotner moved to approve the ORMS coaching positions, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Al Howland commended the superintendent on putting together a great committee for the Assistant Superintendent Search and how smoothly the process ran.

Kenny Rotner stated that he was not privy to the process, but wanted to express his thoughts on the great reputation that Todd established in the ORCSD community and what a great leader he is at the high school.

Dan Klein reminded everyone that there is a sustainability meeting on Monday.

Al Howland reminded everyone that there is a communication meeting as well on Monday at the SAU.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Allen thanked everyone for their support on his nomination.

Denise Day asked what is going to happen next with the position. Jim explained that they would have a transition plan at the next meeting.

Maria Barth asked about a drug presentation to the Board. Jim explained that it will happen at the 2nd meeting in December.

Al Howland made a motion to convert the Budget Workshop meeting on December 9th to a regular meeting, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS

12/2/15 Regular School Board meeting ORHS Library

12/9/15 ~~Budget Workshop~~ Regular Meeting ORHS Library 7:00 PM

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

NON-MEETING SESSION - None

XII ADJOURNMENT

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.