

# Oyster River Cooperative School District

## Regular Meeting

June 4, 2014

6:30 p.m.

**School Board Members:** Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Ed Charle, Kenny Rotner, Maria Barth and Student Representative: Taryn Leach

**Administrators:** Superintendent James Morse, Sue Caswell, Dennis Harrington, and Todd Allen

There were eight members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Tom Newkirk at 6:30 for a Review of Manifests.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Tom Newkirk thanked the teachers and staff who are retiring this year and has sent them a note on behalf of the Board thanking them for their service.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Luke Schroeder who is an eighth grade and in the ORMS Jazz Band announced that the Silent Movie will be on 7:00 p.m. on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Portsmouth Music Hall. Jordan Hilliard an eighth grader in the Middle School and in the Jazz Band also encouraged everyone to attend The Silent Movie. Steve Greene of Lee who helps organize the Silent Movie at the Music Hall in Portsmouth noted that tickets are available at the Music Hall or at [silentfilmnight@gmail.com](mailto:silentfilmnight@gmail.com).

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve May 21, 2014 meeting minutes: Al Howland moved to approve the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Revisions: felt it is inappropriate that the Moharimet students need to make arrangements with the principal if they would like to abstain from the pledge should be stricken from the handbook.**

**Superintendents Report: There were two properties that were being discussed not one and that the Yaeger Property was not suitable for athletic field expansion and topography. Page 4 Board Goals: insert number of goals. Motion passed 6-0-1 with the Student Representative and Ed Charle abstaining.**

### **APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

Payroll Manifest #26: \$1,091,542.10

Vendor Manifest #25: \$182,849.53

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**A. District:** Todd Allen of the High School detailed that the World Language Program is planning a trip to France next April. The trip is planned for the last part of April for 24 students. He is asking the Board for concept approval to plan the trip and will come to the Board with the plans as they become finalized. **Al Howland moved to approve the concept approval for the World Language Department at the high school to plan a trip to France next April, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

The Senior Art Show is ongoing this evening and is on display Thursday and Friday. The band and choral concert is tomorrow evening.

Dennis Harrington of Moharimet noted that the sentence Maria Barth referred to on the Pledge of Allegiance will be removed.

Five picnic benches and three additional benches have been added to the Moharimet playground.

Doris Demers mentioned that the last community dinner at the high school tomorrow evening 5-7. It is \$7 per person or \$15 for the family.

**B. Board:** Sarah Farwell mentioned that tomorrow night is the Art Show at Mast Way.

Kenny Rotner commended everyone involved in the Power of One Project last week.

Denise Day commended Dennis Harrington on the fourth grade interviews that he does every year at Moharimet.

## **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:** Carolyn Eastman updated the Board that Oyster River and Somersworth collaborated with David Pook on May 16<sup>th</sup>. She is extremely proud of the collaboration that they have in the southeastern region. He will be returning in October. The feedback was very positive.

The Summer Reach Program is off and running. There are still some openings.

She also detailed some of the professional development activities that will be occurring over the summer.

The Progress Report Committee has been working really hard on revamping and revising the Reports.

The Summer Community Picnic will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-4. All proceeds will be going to support Oyster River End 68 Hours of Hunger.

**B. Superintendent's Reports:** None

**C. Business Administrator:** None

**D. Student Senate Report:** Taryn reported that on June 10<sup>th</sup> the Senate members will be talking to incoming freshman about running for office. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be Step Up Day at the High School and elections for incoming freshman office positions.

**E. Food Service - School Meal Increase Doris Demers:**

Doris Demers reported that according to our Federal School Lunch Program Price Equity form, our current school meal costs average \$2.59. This includes all grade levels. The rule states that paid lunches must meet or exceed the reimbursement amount of a free lunch. The reimbursement amount for FY2015 is \$2.65.

Current Prices for FY2014:

Elementary Schools:	\$2.40
Middle School:	\$2.60/2.75
High School:	\$2.75/\$3.00

Proposed Prices for FY2015:

Elementary Schools:	\$2.50
Middle School:	\$2.75
High School:	\$3.00

**Kenny Rotner moved to accept the proposed price structure above, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Resurfacing project and remote television: Will be discussed at the next meeting

**VIII. ACTIONS:**

Superintendent Morse nominated the following two people to offer contracts:

Katie Chagron High School Math Teacher \$41,118  
Gabrielle Anderson High School Social Studies Teacher: \$59,953

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

**Motion to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months: Al Howland moved to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to approve the Withdrawal of Scholarship Trust Funds: Kenny Rotner moved to authorize the Withdrawal of Scholarship Trust Funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.**

**Motion to approve the list of Policies:**

**Student Transportation Services: Maria Barth moved to approve Policy EEA for adoption, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Board Employee Communications: Al Howland moved to approve Policy BHC for adoption, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Revision: adding the word grievance before procedure. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Suspension of Policies: Al Howland moved to approved Policy BGF, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Advertising in the Schools: Al Howland moved to approve Policy KHB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Teacher Performance and Evaluation System: Denise Day moved to approve Policy GCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Policies for Deletion: Al Howland moved to delete Policy HE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Policies for Deletion: Al Howland moved to delete Policy GCKB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:** Ed Charle reported that the Sustainability Committee met last night with other groups with similar interests with the intent to combine resources, join forces and share ideas. There were about fifty people present and it was a great meeting.

Denise Day reported that the Long Range Planning Committee met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Allyson Mueller who is a local realtor was in attendance. They discussed having the SAU send out letters to all new home owners encouraging them to register their children as soon as possible. At the next meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> the Principals will be in attendance.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

Future Meeting Dates: June 18<sup>th</sup>

Kenny Rotner asked about the transition progress for incoming Barrington students. Superintendent Morse noted that this item can be added for a future agenda item.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Kenny Rotner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,  
Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary