

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting**

December 4, 2013

6:30 p.m.
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Maria Barth, Tom Newkirk, Kenny Rotner, Megan Turnbull, Al Howland, Ed Charle, Ann Lane and Student Representative: Peter Zwart

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Jim Morse, Susan Caswell, Jay Richard, Todd Allen, and Catherine Plourde

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were approximately nine members of the public present for this meeting.

Ann Lane moved to take a recess to go into a nonmeeting, 2nd by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Kenny Rotner moved to come out of the nonmeeting and enter into public session at 7:35 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

I CALL TO ORDER: Chair Maria Barth called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: Brooke Keeler attended the open forum and was under the impression that managed enrollment meant that there would not be drastic changes but ones that made sense. She is for managed enrollment and encourages a solution that will work to bring everyone together.

Vail Cox of Madbury noted that at this point she does not feel that the K-2 3-4 configuration is not an option. It is not a dynamic plan.

Dr. Joseph Hannon feels that more transitions for the students are not a good option.

IV APPROVAL of 11/20/13 Meeting Minutes:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the November 20th meeting minutes, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #13: \$1,076,632.05 Vendor Manifest #13: \$138,946.47

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

District: Todd Allen received a letter from the College Board that the high school has been designated an AP Honor Roll School. The school nurse Danuta Richards has been coordinated gift baskets for families in need in the school.

Board: Tom Newkirk reported that the National Council of English Teachers met and Linda Rief presented to the Group.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports: None

B Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse is nominating Sonja McCafferty to the Advisory Budget Committee.

Kenny Rotner moved appoint Sonja McCafferty to the Advisory Budget Committee, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Elementary Enrollment Balance Option Update. There was an Advisory Committee meeting earlier this evening discussing the elementary enrollments options. It was a great first meeting. There will be a summary of both proposals in writing available for the Board prior to the December 18th meeting.

Kenny Rotner would like to see an option of redistricting lines with some grandfathering options.

Kenny Rotner moved to add to the task of the committee to add variations of redrawing the Districting lines with different grandfathering

options included, 2nd by Tom Newkirk. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Superintendent Morse will have the new option of redrawing the District lines with different grandfathering options included for the Board's review but will be handled at the SAU rather than overburdening the Advisory Committee with the task.

Business Administrator: Draft Warrant Article: Sue Caswell reviewed the Draft Warrant Articles with the Board:

These draft warrants will be further discussed at the December 11th meeting.

Student Senate Report: There was an online survey of the student body recently conducted regarding tuitioning students.

Long Range Planning Committee – Enrollment Projects for ORCSD 2013-23.

Lisa Allison presented the Enrollment Projections Report 2013-23.

Summary of LRPC Goals:

Provide the School Board with enrollment projections for each of the next ten years.

Make every effort to provide projections for the following school year in the fall when they can be used in the budgeting process.

Continually improve and refine the model used to make enrollment projections.

Enrollment Up This Year, But Decline Will Resume:

Peak enrollment was 2,393 in 2000

2013-2014 excluding tuition is 1,988

Projected 2023-23 excluding students 1,649

Decline over ten years projected to be 339

Suddenly Last Summer:

Many more students moved in than out

Most of the new students were in elementary and middle school grades

Moharimet saw a greater number of net move ins than Mast Way
This put more students into the grades below high school and it raised grade progression ratios.

How This Changes The Projections:

Projected total enrollment will stay around 2,000 students for five years.

Declines resume in 2018-2019 for five years.

Overall rate of decline is slower because grade progression ratios are higher.

Projections for Grades 2-12:

Calculate GPR's for each grade and year.

Find the five year average GPR for each grade.

Apply average GPRs to actual and predicted enrollments to predict enrollments into the future.

This takes into account the net migration over time and by grade.

Lisa noted that future housing changes and redistricting are not reflected in the projected elementary split.

Summary:

Total ORCSD enrollment is projected to remain over 2,000 for four more years and then decline to 1,732 in 2023-24 reflected a decline of about 300 students in the last six projection years.

The number of elementary school students will decrease, with elementary enrollment dropping by about 165 students over ten years.

Middle School enrollment, now 682, is projected to rise to 690 in 2015-16, then drop to fewer than 500 by 2023.

High School enrollment including Barrington now 676 rises to 760 in 2019-20 then declines to 630 in 2025-26.

Without tuition students, High School enrollment, now 606, rises slightly as current Middle School students move through, then declines to current level 2024-25 and 550 in 2025-26.

The Board had a question and answers dialogue with Lisa and thanked her and the committee for all her work on these enrollment projections.

ORHS – New Guidance Model at High School. Heather Machanoff, the Guidance Director reviewed the new model at the high school with the Board.

School Counseling Office – Formerly the Guidance Office:

Align with ASCA

Comprehensive job description

Perception

Accurate reflection of new model and staff philosophy

Counseling Office Staff:

Kim Cassamas A-Go

Jason Baker Gr-N

Kim Sekera O-Z

Sandi Osterloh Secretary

2013-2014 School Year:

Website work is nearly complete

Freshman meetings ongoing to discuss four year plan

Bully curriculum developed with Social Studies Department

Introduction of Freshman and Sophomore newsletter

Recurring segment on ORTV News: Counselor Corner

Application Help Sessions

Stress Management Groups

ORMS – Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results: Jay Richard reported that last spring the Middle School participated in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The survey is a health behavior survey, not a drug and sexual activity survey.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Action Items:

Field Trips: NHMEA Jazz All State Festival February 6 – 8, 2014: Tom Newkirk moved to approve the Jazz All State Festival Field Trip, 2nd by

Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Concord High School NHMEA All State Ensemble April 10 – April 12: Tom Newkirk moved to approve the All State Ensemble Field Trip, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Policies:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policy EEA for a first read, 2nd by Al Howland. Kenny Rotner withdrew his motion and Al Howland withdrew his second of the motion.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policy EDC, EEAG, EFC, and EHB for adoption, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Al Howland moved to approve Policy JLC for adoption, 2nd by Tom Newkirk. The motion passed 6-1-0 with Kenny Rotner abstaining.

Kenny Rotner moved to delete Policy EBBC, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Al Howland reported that the ABC Committee is working on their report.

Ed Charle noted that the Sustainability Committee has been meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Denise Day of Durham thanked the Long Range Planning Committee for all their work on the report. They did a great job.

CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: December 11 and December 18, 2013

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ADJOURNMENT: Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m., 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary