

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting**

December 11, 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, and Ann Lane- via telephone call in.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Jim Morse, Carolyn Eastman, Susan Caswell, Catherine Plourde, Jay Richard, Todd Allen, Dennis Harrington and Carrie Vaich. Directors Present: Joshua Olstad, Doris Demers, Jim Rozycki and Lisa Huppe.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were approximately 20 members of the public present for this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Maria Barth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Kenny Rotner moved to take a recess to go into a non-meeting, 2nd by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to come out of the non-meeting and enter into public session at 7:35 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine, no longer favors Newmarket option.

Dave Ervin, Madbury spoke about middle school music and is in favor of strings program.

Rachel Higginbottom, Durham is against K-2, 3-4 option.

Courtney Rice, Madbury is against K-2, 3-4 option.

David Upham, Durham is for full time strings teacher, he has been a public school orchestra director- now UNH director.

Mimi Bravar, Durham is in favor of full time strings program.

Brian Turnbull, Durham thanked the staff and students who assisted with the Nutcracker. Supports the strings program

IV. APPROVAL of Minutes: Not Applicable
APPROVAL of Manifests: Not Applicable

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

A. District: Not Applicable

B. Board: Not Applicable

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS: Not Applicable

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports:

B Superintendent's Report:

C Business Administrator:

Susan Caswell assisted Superintendent Morse in 2014-15 budget presentation

D Student Senate Report:

E Other:

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tom Merrick, Chair for the Advisory Budget Committee thanked the remainder of the committee, Wayne Burton, Lisa Allison, Steve Woodruff, Marjorie Smith and the ORCSD staff for all of their hard work. ABC provided the Board with their report of the 2014-15 proposed budget. Lisa Allison presented the power point summarizing the ABC report.

Ann Lane presented a question to Susan Caswell pertaining to overtime.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Superintendent Action:

B. Board Action Items:

Kenny Rotner moved to cut the \$203,282 presented by the administration, 2nd by Tom Newkirk. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

Al Howland moved to approve the Math Lab Tutor at ORHS at \$24,000, 2nd by Ed Charle. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with all members voting on the affirmative.

Megan Turnbull moved to approve the addition of a Strings Teacher at the elementary level, 2nd by Ann Lane. Some discussion ensued. A motion was made to amend the motion. Upon roll call vote the motion to amend passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

Megan Turnbull amended the motion, 2nd by Ann Lane to create 1.0 FTE Music position with the understanding that creates strings position and allows .7 music position to be full time. Upon roll call vote the amended motion passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

Kenny Rotner removed his recommendation for guidance position but wanted guidance to be on the list of positions to be considered in the future.

Kenny Rotner move warrant article #5 for the first vote. No 2nd

Maria Barth made a motion to move to separate each article as an individual vote, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Upon Roll call vote, Kenny Rotner, Tom Newkirk and Maria Barth voted in the affirmative. Al Howland, Ed Charle, Megan Turnbull and Ann Lane voted in the negative. This motion did not pass.

Ed Charle moved to approve the Warrant Article as presented, 2nd by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

Default Budget is \$810,231 less than approved budget.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES: Not Applicable

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: December 18, 2013 and January 2, 2014

Motion made to enter into non-public session at 9:50 PM by Kenny Rotner, 2nd by Ed Charle. Upon Roll call vote, Kenny Rotner, Tom Newkirk, Ed Charle and Al Howland voted in the affirmative. Maria Barth, Megan Turnbull and Ann Lane voted in the negative. The motion carries.

Discussion ensued pertaining to legal counsel suggestions and next course of action. Decision made to move forward with next step.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to leave non-public session and return to public session, 2nd by Ed Charle. Upon Roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to direct the Superintendent to speak with David Taylor to see if they could resolve his RTK Lawsuit without proceeding to court, 2nd by Tom Newkirk. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT: Kenny Rotner moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0 with all members voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,
Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.
Superintendent