

Silver Keys: Sarah Caldwell,, Abby Craig, Gwyneth Crossman, Emma Hilary Gould, Aidan Hackenburg, Anna Haight, Charlie Haskell, Sam Howland, Devan McClain, David Redmon, and Rachel Smith

Honorable Mention: Madeline Alphonse, Patty Andersen, Blake Bartell, Samuel Belanger, Olivia Colarusso, Arianna Coppola, Gwyneth Crossman, Meghan Dirksmeier, Sky Gelsomini, Emma Hilary Gould, Emmy Goyette, Charlie Haskell, Grace Henry, Sam Howland, Aydin Kaya, Taner Kaya (2 awards), Sam Macgregor, Deven McClain, Ian Miles, Sophie Rogers (2 awards), Rachel Smith, Anastasia Syzmanski, Alexandra Whitehouse, Matthew Williams, Jordan Zercher.

Dennis Harrington noted that Jan Roberts who has spent the last twelve years working with UNH Interns retired this year. They recently had the Day of Diversity at Moharimet School.

Todd Allen announced that “Fame” the spring musical will be this weekend. Tickets are on sale at the box office at the high school. The Power of One night will be May 28th at the high school.

B. Board:

Denise Day mentioned that at the High School PTO meeting the students were talking about their years at Oyster River. It will be aired on Friday on the Oyster River Channel. It was a very impressive group of students.

Maegan Doody was named female indoor track athlete of the year by Foster’s Daily Democrat.

Acknowledgement of the list of elementary staff retiring June 2015:

Mast Way:

Adele Pulitzer – School Librarian

Carrie Vaich commended Adele for all her service in the District. She started in the District in 1990. She has been on numerous committees and ran countless book fairs.

Moharimet School:

Dennis Harrington commended three Moharimet staff members for all their work over the years.

Sharon McManus – 3rd Grade Teacher
She started in the District in 1972.

Susan O’Byrne –Classroom Teacher has been in the District since 1981.

Brenda Zarnowski – Reading Specialist started in Oyster River in 2000.

The Board presented each with an award of service and a gift certificate. They wish all of them the very best and thanked them for their service to Oyster River children.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: Carolyn Eastman updated the Board on the Smarter Balanced Testing. By May 29th all testing will be done in the District.

B. Superintendent Report: None

C. Business Administrator Report: None

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Caroline Wilson reported that the Student Senate isn’t doing a tremendous amount of work as the year comes to a close. They are working on next year’s elections.

E. Other:

Todd Allen talked about the junior class and all the testing that they are facing this month.

Jay Richard was very impressed with the Staff and Students for all their efforts on the Smarter Balanced Testing.

Maria Barth moved to authorize the Superintendent to call the Senate Leadership which will represent the Republicans that the Board supports Bill 323, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Goals for 2015-16 - A Discussion with ORCSD Leadership Team:

Superintendent Morse met with the Administration Leadership Team to discuss the recommendations for the 2015-16 school year School Board Goals. They felt it was important that the Board goals support the adopted strategic plan so there is synergy and coordination between elected leadership and staff. He encourages the Board to adopt goals that are measurable and limited in number.

They felt the following goals were important enough they required Board support:

Administration felt that several of the 2014-15 goals need to be carried forward:

1. Include full day Kindergarten into the 2016-17 school year budget – October 2015
2. Continue to investigate the viability of the Oyster River Middle School as an academic institution with the second year focus on all options inclusive of maintaining the current building or replacing it – April 2016.
3. Continue to promote the ORHS Athletics Field Goal with the focus on achieving a successful vote in March 2016.

Administration recommended three new goals for 2015-2016:

4. Institute K-12 Math Professional Development that supports District direction and ensures coordination across levels – Report in June 2016
 - A. K-5 Eureka Training
 - B. 5-9 Content Training
 - C. 9-12 Review and Revise Math Sequence to support acceleration and remediation.
5. Begin to discuss, report and implement coordination and transition planning in all departments between MS and HS with a report to the Board May 2016.
 - A. Develop a culture of coordination and collaboration.
 - B. Align curricula vertically.
 - C. Eliminate needless duplication.

6. Improve efforts related to student wellness and mental health - April 2016
 - A. Evaluate current efforts.
 - B. Engage the Community.
 - C. Insure broad internal district participation.
 - D. Update and revise adopted plan.
 - E. To continue to investigate the feasibility of a later start time for ORMS and ORHS.

7. Report on all Standardized Testing Assessments used throughout the following criteria – November 2015

Name

What Levels Administered

Time Required

Purpose/Function/Usefulness/Type: Formative or Summative

Cost in Dollars

Cost in Staff Time and Preparation

Recommendation to Continue or Discontinue

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Goals 1,2,4,5,7, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative abstaining.

Goal #3: Maria Barth moved to amend the Board Goal: To Achieve a successful vote on a bond issue in March of 2016, to fund an upgrade of existing fields, addressing safety and drainage concerns and to add a track. The project will include an artificial turf field constructed with materials that exclude “tire crumb rubber”, 2nd by Sarah Farwell.

There was a Board discussion on letting the Athletic Fields Committee create a comprehensive plan on the field’s materials.

Sarah Farwell moved to postpone voting on goal number three until the next Board meeting on June 3rd, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-1 with Kenny Rotner opposing.

Goal #6: Denise Day moved to include in Section E Information to Gather Regarding Changing School Start Times:

A list of start times and locations for all sports games/meets for both the high school and middle school for the 2014-15 school year.

A survey of all staff members asking about the impact of a change in start/dismissal times for them both personally and professionally.

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A survey of our comparison school districts to determine start/dismissal times for all schools within each of the districts.

2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Five Year Copier Lease: Sue Caswell reported that our copier lease expires in August of this year. Josh and the IT staff have done extensive work to find the best solution for the District.

Kenny Rotner moved to accept the five year copier lease, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

ORCSD Draft Handbooks for all four schools:

There were a couple of minor changes in the handbooks this year such as date changes. In the High School Handbook, there were more changes to keep in line with the policies.

Denise Day moved to accept the four high school handbooks, 2nd Dan Klein. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Last Day of School for the 2015-16 School Year: There was a Board discussion on having the last day of school, June 19, a full day. It was noted that the Kindergarten classes end on June 18th.

Denise Day moved to approve the last day of school, June 19th as a full day of school, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0.

VII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Action: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to approve Mast Way Teacher and ORHS Teacher Resignation for the 2015-16 school year.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Mast Way Teacher and ORHS Teacher Resignation for the 2015-16 School Year, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

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Motion to approve Moharimet Grade 4 Teacher nomination for the 2015-16 school year.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Moharimet Grade 4 Teacher nomination for the 2015-16 school year, 2nd by Denise Day. The motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve ORHS Physical Education Teacher for the 2015-16 school year.

Maria Barth moved to approve ORHS Physical Education teacher for the 2015-16 school year, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**Motion to approve the List of Policies:
Policies for the First Read:**

School Board Member Authority: BBA

Kenny Rotner moved to approve for Policy BBA a first reading, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Advisory Committees to the Board

BDF

Student Wellness

JLCF

Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses:

IHCD

Earning of Credit

IK

Denise Day moved to approve Policies BDF, JLCF, IHCD, IK for a first reading, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

There will be a public hearing on BBA and BDF once the suggested language changes have been made by the Policy Committee. They will then go back to the Policy Committee for changes before being approved for adoption.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Maria Barth reported that the End 68 Hours of Hunger Committee has met. They have raised quite a bit of money. The biggest need right now is in the high school. There are several homeless students in this community. This committee has really rallied the community.

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Kenny Rotner reported that the Communications Branch of Athletic Fields is meeting tomorrow.

Denise Day reported that the LRPC is meeting in June.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeannie Sowers updated the Board on the working group on school times.

Dean Rubine attended the Disney field trip with the Middle School Jazz Band. The kids were phenomenal.

Sarah Farwell thanked the administrators for helping them with all their input on board goals. Their insight was invaluable.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: June 3, 2015 at the Middle School, June 17th at the High School

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None

NON-MEETING SESSION: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary