

**Oyster River Cooperative School District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting**

August 5, 2015

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. Not Present: Dan Klein

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Carrie Vaich, Dennis Harrington

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve July 15th Regular and July 29th Manifest Meeting Minutes:

KR moved to approve the July 15th minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 5-1-0 with Maria Barth abstaining.

The approval of the July 29th meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #3: \$297,928.51, Vendor Manifest #4 \$661,951.75

~~IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS~~

~~— A. District~~

~~— B. Board~~

V. DISTRICT REPORTS:

~~— A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction Reports(s)~~

B. Superintendent Report

Kindergarten Enrollment Update: Superintendent Morse presented the Kindergarten Enrollment Update. The issue is that Mast Way had more children enrolled than the Moharimet School. As of today Kindergarten enrollment is exactly the same at both schools at 52 students each. We do not have a policy issue, we have a distribution and equity issue. Kindergarten class sizes at Moharimet are small: Mast Way Kindergarten class sizes are much larger. Moharimet has four sessions of Kindergarten all with 13 students. Mast Way has three sessions of Kindergarten with enrollments of two classes with 17 students and one with 18 students.

Since the Mast Way numbers have stabilized, the superintendent is requesting that the Board officially close Kindergarten enrollment at Mast Way until Moharimet Kindergarten class sizes are equivalent to Mast Way class sizes. The Administrative Team will collaborate closely with the Transportation Director, Lisa Huppe, to ensure students are placed on the most efficient routes as possible to and from school.

- C. Business Administrator**
- ~~—D. Student Senate Report~~
- ~~—E. Other~~

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine from Lee talked about the class size policy. He thinks that the class sizes at Mast Way Kindergarten could all be at 18.

Michael Williams from Madbury suggested that the offer be placed to any Moharimet Kindergarteners to move to Mast Way.

Denise Day moved to leave it up to the Superintendent's discretion with placement in Kindergarten, 2nd by Maria Barth. Denise Day withdrew her motion and Maria Barth withdrew her second.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Kenny Rotner suggested hiring a Kindergarten Teacher at Mast Way to even the numbers to those at Moharimet. He feels that the small class size is crucial in the lower grades.

Al Howland suggested that the two morning classes at Mast Way that currently have 17 students can have one student added to each classroom for a total of 18 students.

Kenny Rotner moved to add a half time Kindergarten teacher to Mast Way. There was no second to the motion.

Al Howland moved to cap the PM Kindergarten at Mast Way and once the two AM slots at Mast Way reach 18 students those classes will be capped. Any further Kindergarten students signing up at Mast Way will be moved to Moharimet. The two remaining slots will be filled on a first come first served basis, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 5-1 with Kenny Rotner opposing. He opposed the motion due to the inequity of the Kindergarten Class sizes.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent: None

B. Board Action Items

ORHS Request for additional .5 FTE Business/Computer Teacher for the fall of 2015:

Due to increased enrollment numbers and increased student interest, the high school would like to request the addition of a .5 FTE Business/Computer teacher for the fall of 2015. This position would be responsible for teaching three classes in the fall semester and two in the spring. The courses taught by this position would be two classes of economics, two classes of computer essentials and one class of merchandising and marketing.

Al Howland moved to add a half time business computer teacher at the high school, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 6-0.

~~VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES~~

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

~~X. CLOSING ACTIONS:~~

~~Future Meeting Dates:~~ August 19th

~~XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91A:3II {If Needed}~~

~~NON-MEETING SESSION: SA 91A:2I {If Needed}~~

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary