

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting - REVISED**

October 21, 2015

Middle School

6:30 pm

I. 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, Dan Klein and Student Representative: Caroline Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Carrie Vaich, Catherine Plourde, Dennis Harrington, Jay Richard, and Student Representative Caroline Wilson

There was one member of the public present.

Todd Allen and the School Board talked about Martin Brewer, a twenty year teacher in the District, who recently passed away. It is a sad loss for Oyster River High School.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine from Lee feels that the athletic fields should be put on the ballot for a vote from the public. He also believes that the proposed all-day kindergarten should be put on the ballot for a vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Insert: Dean Rubine and David Taylor commented on page 10 of public comments not in favor of proceeding with the athletic fields without a positive vote from the voters.

Page 3 Insert on Paragraph 2 “due to limitations of the electrical system”

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the October 7th School Board Meeting Minutes with the above revisions, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Vendor Manifest: #10: \$188,013.42

Payroll Manifest: #8 \$924,789

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

A. District: Dennis Harrington announced that tomorrow night there will be a demonstration on the new math program at Moharimet. He also reported that Science Friday begins this Friday and will continue through December 12th. Activities this year include: Bridge/Boat building contest with UNH LunaCats; Nature treasure hunt around campus and College Woods with UNH Xi Sigma Pi; Tour of UNH Dairy Barn by UNH Cream Students and Dairy Club; Chemical reaction driven car project with UNH Chem-E-Car; UNH Rock Climbing Wall.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported that this year's PTO Halloween Event will be on Saturday October 31st.

B. Board: Tom Newkirk commended Student Representative, Caroline Wilson whose crew team rowed on the Charles in Boston recently. Caroline reported that it was a truly amazing experience and she feels lucky to have participated in it.

Kenny Rotner presented to the Board that both the Town of Lee and the Town of Durham approved the Durham Solar Array. ORCSD will be the recipient of 10-20% of the generated power and this will go to the Moharimet School.

Dan Klein noted that Moharimet had an amazing pumpkin stroll last week. It was a great event and there is a lot of work that goes into it. Thank you to everyone who made it happen.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: None

B. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Morse discussed the 16.8% guaranteed maximum health rate increase for 2016-17 with the Board. This year the increase was zero. He will have more options and numbers for discussion at the Board workshop on November 5th. There has not been any news on the health trust rebate as of yet.

C. Business Administrator: Budget Update Fy16: Sue Caswell reported that to date the numbers are coming in as expected and she will keep the Board updated as they move further into the budget.

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Caroline Wilson reported that on November 5th the freshman and sophomores are having a lip sync battle contest. This will be a great fundraiser and everyone is invited to attend.

E. Other: None.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Full Day Kindergarten: The Board had a discussion in relation to Full Day Kindergarten. These discussion items/questions will be brought before the Full Day Kindergarten Advisory Committee to address. Answers to the generated questions will be brought back to the School Board for their review at a later School Board meeting.

During the Board discussion it is their understanding that they will be giving parents an opt out option. Superintendent Morse recommendation is that if there are parents who wish for their students to have half day kindergarten, it will be encompassed in the full day Kindergarten Program. In his previous experience, not many parents would choose a half day option. Any parents wishing for their children to attend a half day program will be responsible for their transportation home mid-day.

Lunch for the Kindergartner's will be coordinated at each school. The Director of Food Service is excited at the thought of full day kindergarten because once they experience the lunch program they will love it.

Assuming the current Kindergarten Program repeats itself, they will only need six sessions, three at each school. Superintendent Morse discussed if the sessions at one school fill up, then the subsequent students will be moved to the other elementary school. Carrie Vaich of Mast Way discussed the possibility of doing Kindergarten registration earlier in the year once the budget is approved in March.

This discussion will be continued and scheduled as a future agenda item at the second meeting in November.

The Kindergarten Power Presentation will be posted on the website.

VII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent:

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to approve ORHS Overnight Field Trip to Boston Model UN Conference 2/5/16-2/17/16.

Denise Day moved to approve the ORHS Overnight Field Trip to Boston Model UN Conference 2/5/16 - 2/7/16 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Policies:

Kenny Rotner moved to approve for a first reading Policy JCA, Change of School Assignment, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policy JKAA Use of Child Restraint and Seclusion for adoption, 2nd by Maria Barth. 7-0.

The language of the above policies have been created by attorneys to make certain that these policies are in accordance with the law.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Maria Barth reported that the End 68 Hours of Hunger Committee met last night. The need for this service has dramatically increased over this past year.

Tom Newkirk discussed with the Board whether they should have a role in improving major changes in progress reports. He feels that the Board should have an approval role in this process. The Board had a discussion on the possibility of putting a procedure in place. They are asking if the policy committee can review this to see if there is a process or to have a process clearly defined to ensure that the public is engaged and involved.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: 11/4/2015 Regular Meeting

11/5/2015 Board Budget Workshop Lee Safety Complex 8:30 a.m.
11/12/2015 Budget Workshop HS Library 7:00 p.m.

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II {If needed} - None
NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 I {If needed} - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, 2nd by Al Howland.
Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary