

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

November 4, 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, Dan Klein and Student Representative: Caroline Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Carrie Vaich, and Dennis Harrington

There were two members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m. for Manifest Review/Approval

Tom Newkirk recommended holding the nonpublic session and non-meeting session after public comment in tonight's meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS Dean Rubine of Lee attended the eighth grade guitar concert last evening and it was great.

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION/NON-MEETING SESSION—*Moved from end of agenda to here.*

Kenny Rotner at 7:20 pm moved to enter into nonpublic session under RSA-91-A:3 II (3), Discussion of matters that are likely to adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the School Board, 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Kenny Rotner at 7:22 pm re-entered into a nonpublic session under RSA-91:3 II (3), Discussion of matters that are likely to adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the School Board, 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Denise Day at 7:25 pm made the motion to come out of the nonpublic session, 2nd by Kenny Rotner and move into a non-meeting at 7:26 pm under RSA 91-A:2 I (a) Strategies with Respect to Collective bargaining.

The School Board returned to the public session at 7:28 pm.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 10/21 regular meeting minutes. Kenny Rotner moved to approve the 10/21 minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Revisions: Page 2 Insert: Kenny Rotner presented to the Board that both the Town of Lee and the Town of Durham approved the Durham Solar Array. The ORCSD will be the recipient of 10-20% of the generated power and this will go to

the Moharimet School. Page 3: Half Day Kindergarten Program should be opt out. The motion with the above revisions passed unanimously with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #9 \$1,213,529.41

Vendor Manifest #11 \$643,388.39

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. District:

Todd Allen - Boys Soccer will be playing at the Division II State Championship this weekend. The girls will be playing in the semi-finals. Patrick O'Brien and Maegan Doody both won individual State Champions for running.

Dennis Harrington – Recognized his staff for the Math Program presentation but only 18 parents attended the presentation. He is hoping to find better ways to communicate about these presentations for better attendance.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way thanked the parents who assisted in the “Haunted Courtyard” Halloween event this year.

B. Board:

Kenny Rotner working collaboratively with John Carroll of the Sustainability Committee has inquired about putting an inside winter market at the middle school. They are in the process of talking with farmers who have shown a great interest in it. They suggested that John write the Board a letter asking the Board to endorse this project.

Kenny Rotner suggest videotaping presentations that could be available online. Superintendent Morse noted that often times the manpower isn't available to tape all events because they may be working elsewhere.

Sarah Farwell agrees with Dennis Harrington about getting the word out on important presentations. We need to take advantage of events already occurring like “open house”

Dan Klein attended the Moharimet Math Curriculum Presentation and they did a fantastic job. New Eureka curriculum so much better. Agrees with Kenny and Sarah to video.

Tom Newkirk reported that the 2015 NEAP National Assessments have been published. New Hampshire ranked third in the nation for both 4th and 8th grade math and reading. Oyster River always exceeds State testing averages.

Denise Day reported that there is a Community Dinner next Tuesday evening.

Maria Barth talked about the heroin epidemic and is asking for a presentation on substance abuse.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports: None

B. Superintendent's Reports: Superintendent Morse reported that the District received two dozen applications for the Assistant Superintendent position. They will be interviewing six candidates a week from Monday. After background and reference checks, he will have a candidate for nomination at the first meeting in December.

Smarter Balanced test results are expected to be released on November 12. This is the first set of data and it is baseline data. If parents have questions about results, please make appointments with guidance or elementary school principals. The District performed better than the state average on the Smarter Balanced Test results.

Superintendent Morse will be signing the contract with the Town of Durham on the solar project. This is a great opportunity for the District.

C. Business Administrator: Sue Caswell mentioned that tomorrow is the Budget Workshop at The Lee Safety Complex. She also noted that they have just been informed that there won't be any LGC monies coming in for next year. They were anticipating approximately \$400K.

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Caroline Wilson reported that the freshman and sophomore fundraiser has been postponed to a future date. Caroline also told the Board about the Metal for Muscle Collection. The Physical Education Program at the High School is asking for donations in the form of recyclable metal in order to help fund the growth of the program. The focus begins with a climbing wall for the students. November 14th 7:00 – Noon will be the first collection. Please contact John Morin at jmorin@orcscd.org with any questions on this program.

E. Other: None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORESPA Negotiations Update: Superintendent Morse reported that they have come to an agreement on the ORESPA Negotiations. This three year agreement

includes health buyout at a fixed cost, revised sick bank language, Columbus Day is no longer a floating holiday. Tax Shelter revision year 1 - \$300, Year 2 - \$500. Increased longevity pay, negotiated 1.5% first year 2.25% second year and 2.5% third year. **Kenny Rotner moved to approve the ORESPA Agreement 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Superintendent Evaluation – Begin Process: The Board is asking Superintendent Morse to begin this process by doing a self-evaluation to be completed by December 2nd.

Sarah Farwell asked about the survey and Tom Newkirk said they will discuss on December 2nd.

Communication Committee Charge: Al Howland presented a draft Communication Committee Charge: *The School Board authorizes the Communication Committee to work with the Superintendent in order to develop communications pertaining to full day Kindergarten. Information that is used in these communications will derive directly from the work of the Full Day Kindergarten Committee.*

Al Howland moved to approve the above draft Communication Committee Charge 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items

Motion to approve students attending Oyster River High School: Kenny Rotner moved to approve a student attend ORHS as presented as the second nonpublic item earlier this evening, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

Policies for Approval:

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

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maria Barth discussed with the Board disbanding The End 68 Hours of Hunger Committee There is a need for staff members to volunteer and keep the

confidentiality to help the students. There is wonderful staff that has offered to step up. She is requesting that the Chair have it on the agenda to disband it. Maria Barth would like to stay involved with this group as they continue their work.

Wellness Committee has met recently and they are forming a subcommittee on Mental Health. Katherine Moore is now the chair of this committee and she will come to a future meeting to share goals.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Rubine of Lee talked about the tuition agreement with Barrington once they exceed 125 students.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS

11/5 Board Budget Workshop – Lee Safety Complex
11/12 Budget Workshop High school Library

XI. Non Public Session and Non Meeting Session moved to beginning of agenda right after Section II – Public Comments.

XII ADJOURNMENT

Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary