

Oyster River Cooperative School District

August 17, 2016

Oyster River Middle School

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Newkirk, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Dan Klein, Kenny Rotner, Maria Barth, Al Howland

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Todd Allen, Doris Demers, Suzanne Filippone, Lisa Huppe and Dennis Harrington

There were three members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest Review/Approval at each School Board meeting

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Additional food service lunch prices by Doris Demers

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Denise Day moved to approve the July 27th Manifest Minutes as presented, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Al Howland abstaining.

August 3 Minutes: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the August 3rd minutes, 2nd by Denise Day with the following revisions

Page 2 Revisions: Paragraph 4 before “Motion passed 6-0” insert: Kim Wolph is the daughter of Superintendent Morse. Tom Newkirk noted that the hiring policy in this case was scrupulously followed and Superintendent Morse took no part in the process.

**Remove Catherine Plourde and Suzanne Filippone as Administrators Attended and change Sonny Sadana to teacher on page 1
Motion passed 6-0-1 with Al Howland abstaining**

August 3rd Workshop: Denise Day moved to approve the August 3rd workshop minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner with the following revision.

Page 3 Insert “Identify needed resources” under paragraph one following “engage the community”

Motion passed 6-0-1 with Al Howland abstaining

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest #4: \$223,559.80

Vendor Manifest #4: \$473,586.61

Oyster River Child Nutrition Program

Doris Demers spoke to the Board. According to the Federal Lunch Equity form we must increase prices to meet the average of \$2.70 which is slightly below the \$2.75 federal reimbursement rate.

Current Prices

Grade	Breakfast	Lunch	Milk
K-4	\$1.25	\$2.50	0.45
5-8	\$1.25	\$2.75	0.45
9-12	\$1.25	\$3.00	0.45

Proposed Increases

Grade	Breakfast	Lunch	Milk
K-4	\$1.25	\$2.60	0.50
5-8	\$1.25	\$2.85	0.50
9-12	\$1.50	\$3.10	0.50

They are expecting an increase in milk cost this year, the additional .05 will help cover that cost.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above price increases of the school lunch program, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS

A. District: Dennis Harrington announced his intention to retire at the end of the school year in June.

B. Board: Al Howland announced that August 20 is Durham Farm Day. Open to the public. The NH Forest Society has 195 acres in the community. Really outstanding educational resource for the schools. They would like to come and talk to the Board about the potential resource for the District.

Kenny Rotner announced that this Friday the UNH Pool will be opening. It is open to the District.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction Report – None

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse spoke a few words on Dennis Harrington and his upcoming retirement. Has shown great leadership in the District. Ton Newkirk and Kenny Rotner both acknowledged the tremendous contribution that Mr. Harrington has made to the ORCSD over many years of service and independently commented on his attributes that have made him such an effective leader.

Superintendent Morse discussed with the Administrators that there is a current staff member with journalism experience who will be writing news releases of ORCSD happenings for submission to the Foster's Democrat.

Superintendent Morse announced the Meet & Greet Ice Cream Social at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 29, 2016 in the ORHS Cafeteria for Suzanne Filippone ORHS Principal, followed by an Introduction/Questions and Answers at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. Please join us in welcoming her to the community.

This has been sent out to the K-12 community and will be released to the newspaper.

Updated Enrollment:

Superintendent Morse updated the Board on the current enrollment at Mast Way and Moharimet. Moharimet currently has 372 students enrolled and Mast Way has 316 students.

C. Business Administrator – None

D. Student Senate Report - None

E. Other

Lisa Huppe briefly outline the 2016/17 Bus Runs.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

One Run System:

Lisa Huppe spoke to the Board and they have been trying to create a model that would reflect possible start and change times.

2015-16 Dual run system

21 runs

Up to 30 minutes Grades K-4 9:00-3:05

Up to 40 minutes Grades 5-12 7:30 – 2:30

2017-218 One Run System

23 Runs

Up to 30 minutes Grades K-4 8:45 – 3:15

Up to 45 minutes Grades 5-12 8:15 – 3:00

At least two additional drivers

Rather than buy three new buses we would lease 6

Superintendent Morse will get the budget impact numbers to the Board at the next meeting.

Thinks that this model could work

They asked parents in the registration material how kids will get to school: 71% of parents responded.

1,051 students take the bus in the morning

1,065 students take the bus after school

This model was based 1,275 students.

It was discussed how many would take the bus with the potential new start times.

There was a discussion on using a central drop off. Potentially using the church on Route 108.

This year the school bus routes will have a lot of road construction. They have had to rework the bus routes and will have 19 very full bus routes.

Draft 2016-17 School Board Goals

Superintendent Morse and the Leadership Administrative Team met to discuss the Board's feedback for the 2016-2017 School Board goals.

1. Develop a communication strategy that engages the community in a dialogue on key issues (goals 2-6 below)
2. Middle School Facility – Inform and engage in a dialogue with parents and School Board

3. Competency reporting and implementation at MS and HS
4. Expand World Language Program in Grades 5-12
5. School Start Time – Engage the community in the discussion
6. Outline 2016-2017 Wellness/Mental Health approach

We developed a communication protocol which we could then apply to each goal.

Goal 1: Oyster River Communication Protocol/Strategy

The intent of this protocol is to act as a template to facilitate the sharing of various initiatives that emphasize engagement and that improve the possibility that ideas are well vetted throughout SAU 5 with the ultimate goal of improvement of those ideas/initiatives.

Effective Communication as applied to District and building or department goals will require various approaches tailored to the intended outcome.

This protocol is intended to assist the communication committee and staff in making decisions as to how to communicate on various issues via a series of prompts.

1. Define issues to be communicated
2. Define the intended audience. Choose as many as appropriate
3. Determine the best methods of communications. Use as many as needed to effectively communicate message

New releases/Public notice well in advance
Durham Friday update, Lee E-Crier, Madbury Monthly
Web Page
School Messenger to all
Video Messenger
Social Media
Interactive Community Meetings
Presentation to Council and Select Boards
Building Newsletters Posted in Town Halls
Coordinated Calendars
District-wide mailings

The next meeting the Board will have the goals in their final form for approval.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to affirm the hiring of the ORMS Language Arts Teacher: Kenny Rotner moved to affirm Michele Vizzo as the ORMS Language Arts Teacher, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the withdrawal of the entire balance of the Track Fund – District Support Account, June 30, 2016 balance of \$220,124.11 to support the expenses of the Oyster River Track and Field Project, and to approve the withdrawal of the entire balance of the Track Fund Donation account, June 30, 2016 balance of \$62,187.01 to support the expenses of the Oyster River Track and Field Project, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the slate of ORHS Department Heads and Advisors, the ORMS/HS Fall Coaches, ORMS Activity Advisors, and the Elementary Stipend Activities nominations, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Maria Barth reported that the non-academic survey SB 320 in the Legislative passed in the Senate but not in the House.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS

A. Future Meeting Dates: 8/31 Manifest Review Meeting, 9/7 Regular Meeting and Field Tour

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to enter into nonpublic: Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session at 8:40 PM under RSA 91-A:3 II (d), consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property, 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

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By general consensus the Board agreed to re-enter public session at 9:00 PM.

NON-MEETING SESSION: None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Maria Barth made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 PM, 2nd by Dan Klein.
Motion passed.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary