

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting**

August 29, 2018

Oyster River High School

7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD: Denise Day, Brian Cisneros, Tom Newkirk, Dan Klein, Al Howland, Michael Williams, and Kenny Rotner.

Not Present: Student Representative: Patty Andersen

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Morse, Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Jay Richard, and Suzanne Filippone

There were 15 members of the public present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Tom Newkirk recommended moving up the following items on the agenda:

Sleep study

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Voting at the High School

Al Howland moved to approve the agenda with the above revisions, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul and Denise Pouliot of Alton, NH spoke in favor of Indigenous Peoples' Day. They are pleased that the Town of Durham passed this last year.

Fawn Gaudet of Rumney, NH spoke as a descendant of Black Feet Nation and is in favor of Indigenous People's Day.

Kathleen Blake, Chair of the NH Commission of Native American Affairs of Dover NH urged the Board to consider adopting Indigenous Peoples' Day. It is important to know who we are celebrating.

Todd Selig of Durham and the Town of Durham Administrator spoke, and last year the Town of Durham adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day. He gave an overview of the history of the indigenous people and settlers in this area. He will be available during this discussion period later in the meeting to answer any questions if needed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 8/15/18 regular meeting minutes:

Brian Cisneros moved to approve the August 15th meeting minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 5-0-2 with Dan Klein and Michael Williams abstaining.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS:

A. District:

Jay Richard of the Middle School announced that by the end of the week each middle school student will have their one to one computer. They had a meeting Monday evening for parents. The parents were thrilled. He thanked the Board and the community.

B. Board:

Kenny Rotner is thankful for the custodial staff for making the buildings look great for the start of the school year. This summer the survivors of the Florida School shooting are making a movement in this country for safety. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVoss wants to divert funding to training teachers to use guns. Kenny would like to see on the agenda a discussion item regarding crafting a letter of opposition to funding being used to train teachers to use guns instead of spending funding on education. Tom Newkirk suggested a resolution as well to NHSBA regarding a gun free zone.

Sleep Study Survey:

Jesse Morrel reported to the Board the findings of the Wellness Survey that was developed in early 2017. The goal was to gather feedback about student experience and lifestyle habits related to wellness.

The survey Was conducted twice 1) Initially in May of 2017; and 2) Due to change in school start times for 5-12 graders, survey was re-administered in May 2018. The survey results showed that students are getting more sleep and it is higher than the national average. She also noted that it is taking students longer to get to school each morning. The High School students are the most impacted by this.

The future plans include a review of the complete survey data with ORCSD Wellness Committee for further discussion, share with ORHS/MS Faculty Staff in Fall 2018 and review interest in repeating survey in future years. Tom

Newkirk asked if there were any thoughts to get more participation of high schools to take the survey. Suzanne Filippone reported that with the new schedule at the high school, it should increase participation when the survey is taken again. Superintendent Morse added that travel time from Barrington will be longer because they don't offer busing door to door and asked if they could determine town of origin when completing this survey in the future. She replied yes that could be done easily. The Board thanked her for all her work on this and are looking forward to seeing more data in the future.

Indigenous People's Day:

Tom Newkirk reported that the motion was moved and seconded at the previous meeting and opened the topic for discussion. Dan Klein appreciated everyone that came and spoke about it this evening. He feels this offers something to celebrate the values that reflects who we are. Al Howland mentioned that Indigenous Peoples' Day in Durham was borne out of the mural at the library. He believes that it is a good thing in the District to give a foundation of the history in this area. Kenny Rotner feels that we are in the unique situation in this District that this can be a teaching moment and it provides value.

Revisions to the Resolution:

In the title replace "Durham" with "Durham, Lee and Madbury"
Fifth paragraph replace "Durham" with "Durham, Lee and Madbury".
Paragraph 8 remove the "Town of Durham"

The motion passed 6-1 with Brian Cisneros opposing.

Voting at the High School:

Todd Selig talked about the challenges of seeking alternative voting places and they have been unable to find venues that will work. During the presidential election years, students aren't in the building. This year, there is a teacher workshop scheduled for the election day.

Christopher Regan, Moderator for the Town of Durham, spoke to the board and reviewed the voting election history in the District. In Concord, legislation was passed which will go into effect in 2019 that may decrease some students voting in town. A large part of the same day registrants are from UNH. On voting day, nothing prevents voters from carrying weapons into the building

which poses a question of student safety. Can we provide a safe environment for students to be in school on voting day? Deputy Police Chief Rene Kelley reported that there is a police presence in the building on voting day. Dan Klein mentioned that the whole campus is in question on voting day including after school activities and practices and that it is unsettling to have our policy breached on this day. The Board had a discussion of the use of the multi-purpose room on voting day. Todd Selig remarked that we may need to rethink students coming down to the voting place to observe.

Denise Day suggested the Town/School Election to keep the current practice. Dan Klein asked what our legal liability is by offering the school as a polling place? Superintendent Morse replied that both the school and the town have due diligence to provide staff and safety to the students. There are many school districts in the state that have voting. Tom Newkirk weighed in that the plan to have school during the smaller elections and not be in session for the larger voting days is a workable plan.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports:

Report on Summer Professional Development:

Todd Allen reported on Professional Development in the Oyster River School District. In the summer of 2018, ORCSD Professional Staff have engaged in more than 800 days of professional development making it one of the most productive summers ever for the school district.

Some of the Professional Development Activities that staff have engaged in for summer 2018:

Technology Boot Camp

One to One Technology planning at MS

Open Circle Training

World Language Proficiency Training and Curriculum Development

K-5 Science Curriculum planning and development

Math Curriculum planning and development

Literacy curriculum review and development

Learning Commons planning and development

Student Support Services training and planning

MTSS Planning and PD

Professional Collaboration around many topics:

Encore Curriculum

Technology
Health Curriculum
Advisory Program
Social Studies Curriculum
Master Schedule
Counseling Program

Superintendent Morse added that the Administrators put in an enormous amount of time over the summer getting ready for the start of school.

Administrative Support for the Athletic Director:

Cost/Job Description: Superintendent Morse noted that this position existed six years ago and was cut. This proposed position would also be the Auditorium Coordinator as well. The cost of this position could be covered by the \$277,523 in savings realized in the hiring process this year.

Brian Cisneros moved to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director/Auditorium Coordinator Position, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Regional School Calendar: Superintendent Morse informed the Board that he met with several area superintendents. One suggestion that they talked about was three professional development days in February, March, and April that could be moved to the end of the year if impacted by snow days.

Enrollment Update:

The first day of school was a good one but very hot. They moved around classrooms in the middle and high schools as best they can. The teachers and the students handled it amazingly well. Lisa Huppe will be tweaking the bus transportation over the next couple of weeks.

Mast Way Construction is going well, the completion date is scheduled around the Thanksgiving time frame.

Architect/Construction Manager Search Update: There are four architect firms that will be interviewed tomorrow.

C. Business Administrator:

Transfer Funds to Fund Balance Retention Account:

Sue Caswell reported that the budget for 2017-18 finished with an unassigned balance of \$723,629. She is recommending that we transfer \$400,000 of the unassigned balance to the Fund Balance Retention.

Al Howland moved to approve the transfer of \$400,000 to the fund balance retention account, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

MS25/DOE 25: Denise Day moved to approve the MS/DOE25 as presented, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Aramark Renewal Proposal for the Next Five Years:

Sue Caswell is recommending the District renew the Aramark Contract for the next five years as a preferred bidder.

Brian Cisneros moved to renew the Aramark Contract for the next five years beginning July 1, 2019, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Student Senate Report: None

E. Other: Sleep Study Survey: Reported on under Section V.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM: Reported on under Section V.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Action: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to approve the volunteer coaches

Matt Parise Assistant Golf Coach

High School

Eliza Balch Assistant Girl's Cross-Country Coach

High School

Al Howland moved to approve the volunteer coaches, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Denise Day reported that the Manifest Committee met and approved the Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #4: \$271,984.98

Vendor Manifest #5: \$441,444.09

Tom Newkirk questioned how structurally the Board will interact with the middle school building progress. They will need to think this through and discuss this at a future meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates:

09/12 Regular Meeting ORHS Library 7:00 p.m.

09/26 Regular Meeting ORHS Library 7:00 p.m.

10/10 Regular Meeting ORHS Library 7:00 p.m.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSAS 91-A:3 II (if Needed)
NON-MEETING SESSION RSA 91-A2 I (if Needed)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Denise Day moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary