

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Regular Meeting

January 3, 2018

ORHS Library

7:00 p.m.

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

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

There were 3 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER: By Tom Newkirk at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest #13 \$1,455,724.49

Vendor Manifest #13 \$68,294.21

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Proposed change to move scheduling and football to the beginning of discussion items.

Denise Day moved to approve the agenda as amended, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 12/20/17 regular meeting minutes: Denise Day moved to approve the 12/20/17 meeting minutes with the below revisions, 2nd by Brian Cisneros.

Revisions:

Page 3 at the bottom change to “Denise Day commended the various music performances. They were very well done.”

Page 9 right before football insert “Kenny Rotner excused himself.”

Page 11 football vote should be 4-2

Page 11 above Section VIII “Kenny Rotner rejoined the meeting”

Page 11 2nd paragraph end of line two replace Dan Klein’s comment with “Dan Klein said that there is a strong possibility that there will be

requests for expert presentations at the forum and asked how it would be handled”

Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. District: None

B. Board: Brian Cisneros talked about the SB193 passing the house and asked how will it affect Oyster River. Superintendent Morse explained that it is a legislation that proposes diverting public funds to private use. It has significant impact. It is unknown how it will impact Oyster River, but it will have consequences across the state.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports:

Todd Allen mentioned that in SB193 one of the components is that it affects 300% of the poverty level and it is skewed to the lower end of the economic scale. Statewide it will have an impact.

Todd explained that our school calendar is built around hours not days. 990 hours are required at the middle and high school and at the elementary level it is 945 hours for the state minimum. Superintendent Morse also noted that we still have two professional development days in the spring that could be redirected to student days if need be as well. We started the year with 1068 hours. He will address this further at the January 17th meeting and also the subject of Blizzard Bags.

Todd announced that there is a Community Reception on January 25th at 4:00 PM in the Multi-purpose room at the high school to honor Superintendent Morse for being named the 2018 Superintendent of the Year in NH.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse noted that January 31st is the first strategic planning focus group with the Board and elected officials. He would like to send out invitations to the Durham Town Council and elected officials in Madbury and Lee.

The Leadership Team met yesterday with Andrew Smith on Diversity Training. The number one question from staff is what is the next step. There will be meetings for the staff at each of the schools in January. We are in the process of setting up two parent forums. They will be in February and the dates are to be determined.

They will be scheduling a School Board Workshop date in February to address homework.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report: The Student Representative reported that National History Day is on Friday. There is a nationwide contest and the students have been working very hard to get them completed. Finals week is rapidly approaching. The snowball semi-formal dance is coming up for all four grades.

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Master High School Schedule:

The team worked last year and this year extensively on the schedule process.

Tom Houseman read the ORHS Mission Statement: ORHS promotes a safe and nurturing community where the uniqueness of each member is valued. In this spirit, we are committed to becoming educated, ethical, responsible citizens who strive to contribute positively toward the betterment of ourselves, our school, our society and our world.

Mark Miliken had a discussion of how to align a master schedule with what they value.

The schedule committees goal: to create a schedule that aligns with our mission statement:

Committees began meeting in January 2017

Researched articles on school schedules and student learning

Power of One student presentation to committee

Visited other area schools

Enriching student's software conferences and webinars

Staff surveyed
Students surveyed
Brown bag lunch sessions staff and students
Presentation to Student Senate
Work session held with Special Education Department

There were committee members from each department

Shawn Kelly explained that it was a struggle to figure out a schedule that works with each department. They also tried to address student stress, homework, course load, length of classes.

He reviewed the Master Schedule. There are three rotating days: Bobcat Day, Blue Day and White Day. The Blue and White Days no longer have all classes meeting in a day. There is a flex/advisory period on Bobcat Days. Bobcat Day is a six-period day.

Flex Advisory:

A committee will be formed to determine optimal uses and protocols for this period of time. Uses may include:

Advisory, office hours, time for relearning and reassessment, time for enrichment time for teacher collaboration, social emotional learning.

Professional Development: Staff will be provided with professional development for teaching in longer periods.

Denise Day thanked John, Shawn, and Mark for all their work on the schedule. Al Howland asked if the flex advisory would be completed by fall. They replied that they would like to schedule some students this year, so they could be up and running by the fall. He thinks that it will make it a much more active experience.

Superintendent Morse explained that this is the foundation around the homework issue and lessening the stress on our students. Suzanne explained that they will be rolling this schedule out to parents and students next.

NEASC Accreditation:

Suzanne Filippone talked to the Board about the NEASC Accreditation. The NEASC conducted an accreditation visit of the high school from March 19-22, 2017. The Association's purpose is to "serve the public and the educational

community by establishing and maintaining high standards of educational excellence and utilizing evaluation processes which focus on self-improvement through effective peer review". During the visit the accreditation team worked with all stakeholders of ORHS and ORCSD to learn about our school and community. The team reported their findings on the following standards: core values, beliefs and learning expectations, curriculum, instruction, assessment of student learning, school culture and leadership, school resources for learning and community resources for learning.

On November 6, 2017 we were notified that Oyster River High School has been awarded continuing accreditation with NEASC.

Kenny Rotner excused himself from the meeting.

Football: Athletic Director Andy Lathrop reviewed the proposed football agreements from both Dover and Portsmouth with the Board. He noted that they are very similar.

The main requirements that must be present in the application are:

Funding of the sport

Coaches eligibility

Transportation arrangements to practices and contests

Use of facilities

Procedures for dissolution of the agreement by a school

Administration of the program.

The only visible difference occurs in the general information section in reference to cost. Dover intends to charge a flat rate of \$460 per player and Portsmouth will divide the total budget of football equally among all participants, which works out to a \$500-\$600 range. Both schools will receive payment directly from the participant. Any cooperative agreement is a "no cut" sport.

Kenny Rotner rejoined the School Board meeting.

FY19 Proposed Budget:

Sue Caswell described the proposed budget with the Board.

2018-19 Budget By Location as of 11/6/17:

| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Expended | Approved | Proposed | Difference |
| Mast Way | \$3,487,221 | \$3,817,929 | \$4,130,205 | \$312,276 |
| Moharimet | \$3,776,792 | \$3,939,762 | \$3,992,650 | \$ 52,888 |
| Middle School | \$6,933,182 | \$6,993,369 | \$7,184,117 | \$190,748 |
| High School | \$7,999,845 | \$8,631,603 | \$8,962,138 | \$330,535 |
| SAU/ADM | \$3,891,857 | \$3,114,546 | \$3,104,847 | \$ - 9,699 |
| Transportation | \$1,835,814 | \$2,055,994 | \$2,018,364 | \$ -37,630 |
| Facilities | \$3,848,419 | \$3,972,043 | \$4,441,379 | \$469,336 |
| Special Education | \$8,671,309 | \$9,176,036 | \$9,031,221 | \$-144,815 |
| Total | \$41,598,639 | \$42,943,401 | \$44,199,061 | \$1,255,660 |

General Fund 10 Total: \$44,199,061
Article 3 ORBDA \$ 54,083
Article 4 ORPaSS \$ 64,876
Total with Warrant Article: \$44,318,020 3.20%

Superintendent Morse will present the budget next week at the public hearing and open it up to questions.

The Default Budget is: \$45,555,984 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law.

Assign Presentation of Warrant Articles:

Denise Day: ORPaSS Agreement
Dan Klein: ORBDA Agreement
Al Howland: Budget
Brian Cisneros: Distinguished Service Award

Tom Newkirk moved to approve the above assignments of Warrant Articles, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Superintendent: None

B. Board Action Items:

ORHS Maternity Leave: Brian Cisneros moved to approve ORHS Maternity Leave of Absence from May 11, 2018 to end of the year, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Moharimet Paraprofessional Unpaid Leave of Absence: Brian Cisneros moved to approve a Moharimet Paraprofessional unpaid leave of absence for the rest of the year, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

**Motion to approve list of policies for second read/adoption:
ADC - Use of Tobacco Products Strictly Prohibited... This will be discussed further at the Policy Committee next week.**

Denise Day moved to approve Policy JICH and R Drug and Alcohol Use by Students for adoption, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Tom Newkirk reported that the Facilities Committee met and is on the way to evaluating the set of possibilities.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS

A. Future Meeting dates:

1/9/18 Public Hearing ORHS Auditorium

1/10/18 Public Forum on Football

1/17/18 Regular School Board Meeting at the High School Library

**XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Superintendent's Evaluation
Kenny Rotner moved to enter into non-public session at 8:40 p.m. under
RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Superintendent's Evaluation, seconded by Denise Day.
Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.**

NON-MEETING SESSION RSA 91-A2 (If Needed)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary