## Oyster River Cooperative School District REGULAR MEETING

## January 6, 2021

## **Oyster River High School Auditorium**

7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - 6:30 7:00 PM MANIFEST REVIEW/APPROVAL AT EACH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Total allotted time for public comment 30 minutes)
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - Motion to approve 12/16/20 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS
  - A. District
  - B. Board
- VI. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA (Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any Board Member for separate discussion and vote)
  - Motion to approve list of ORMS Clubs and Activity stipends.
- VII. DISTRICT REPORTS
  - A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction Report(s)
  - B. Superintendent's Report
  - School Nurse COVID 19 Assessment Metric for ORCSD
  - ORHS Model Presentation
  - C. Finance Committee Report
  - Charge for 2020-21 school year
  - D. Business Administrator
  - E. Student Representative Report
  - F. Other:

#### VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2021 Warrant Article
- Assign Presentation of Warrant Articles
- Public Hearing Discussion
- Superintendent Self Evaluation
- IX. ACTIONS
  - A. Superintendent Actions
  - B. Board Action Items
  - Motion to adopt Nurse's COVID 19 Metrics
  - Motion to adopt ORHS Model
  - Motion to approve presentation of Warrant Articles.
  - Motion to Approve List for Coach and volunteers.
- X. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- XII. CLOSING ACTIONS
  - A. Future meeting dates: January 13, 2021 Public Budget Hearing ORHS Auditorium 7:00PM
    - January 18, 2021 Madbury Select Board Superintendent Meeting 7:00PM
    - January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting ORHS Auditorium
    - January 25, 2021 Lee Select Board Superintendent Meeting 6:00PM
- XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 {If Required}
  - NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 {If Required}
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT
- The School Board reserves the right to take action on any item on the agenda.

## Respectfully submitted, Superintendent

Public wishing to attend our regular meetings need to arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 as everyone will need to participate in a health screening to enter the auditorium. The doors will be locked at 7 p.m.

Welcome to the School Board meeting. If you wish to be heard by the Board, please note "Public Comment" at the beginning of the agenda (reverse side). During the comment section of the agenda each speaker may have up to three (3) minutes within the time frame allowed. Board Chair may limit time allotment as deemed necessary. Occasionally, the Board may "suspend its rules" to allow visitor participation at the time an issue of specific interest is being addressed. A speaker will not be recognized for a second time on a particular topic.

Visitors should not expect a Board response to their comments or questions under the above since the Board may not have discussed or taken a position on the matter. The Superintendent, without speaking for the Board, may offer clarification as appropriate.

Agendas and background information are available on the district website prior to meetings. Agendas and additional information are generally available at the entrance to the meeting room or distributed at the time the item is introduced for discussion.

The ORCSD School Board will meet in regular session on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with special meetings when necessary. The School Board appreciates your attendance at these meetings and invites your continued interest in its work on behalf of the children and residents of the District.

## Oyster River Cooperative School District Members:

•	Brian Cisneros	Term on Board:	2018 -2021
•	Thomas Newkirk, Chair	Term on Board:	2019 - 2022
•	Yusi Turell	Term on Board:	2020 - 2021
	Michael Williams, Vice Chair	Term on Board:	2020 - 2023
	Denise Day	Term on Board:	2020 - 2023
	Allan Howland	Term on Board:	2018 - 2021
•	Daniel Klein	Term on Board:	2018 - 2021

## **Information Regarding Nonpublic Session**

On occasion, the Board agenda may include (or be adjusted to include) a Nonpublic Session. When a motion is made to do so, it will be done under the provisions of the NH State Law RSA 91-A:3 II, and one or more of the following reasons will be claimed for entering Nonpublic Session:

- a. The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request will be granted.
- b. The hiring of any person as a public employee.
- c. Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.
- d. Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real property or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.
- e. Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency of any sub-division thereof, or against any member thereof because of his membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

December 16, 2020

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**SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:** Dan Klein, Tom Newkirk, Denise Day, Michael Williams, Al Howland, Yusi Turell. Brian Cisneros arrived at 7:38 PM **Student Representative:** Megan Deane

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** James Morse, Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Suzanne Filippone, Misty Lowe, David Goldsmith, Catherine Plourde, Jay Richard, Bill Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Felch, Josh Olstad

**GUEST PRESENT:** There were 14 members in the audience.

## CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 PM by Tom Newkirk

Tom Newkirk moved to the approval of the agenda as written.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Denise Day moved to approve the agenda as written,  $2^{nd}$  by Yusi Turell. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

At this time Tom introduced public comment and as there were only six, each would be allotted 3 minutes.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Erin Bobo-Caron has two sons an eighth grader, and a tenth grader and she is also a teacher in the District. She stated that the live lesson with interactions with teachers and fellow students provides a meaningful connection. Asynchronous learning is equal to disengagement and disconnection with trouble staying focused. In terms of concurrent learning she asked the Board to think about the philosophy.

Olivia Gass is a junior at the high school and listened in on the student senate meeting with the Board which prompted her to attend and represent her peers. She did a quick poll asking student which they preferred, remote or in-person, which resulted in nineteen students preferring remote and 62 students preferring in-person or 77% in-person to 23% remote. She also reviewed comments that the students made.

Saskia Hirz, is a Durham parent who has two children in the high school. She expressed her incredible frustration for no plan being sent out for the students return to in-person and asked what the criteria is to return to school as these kids need to be back.

Brook Keeler has two daughters and lives in Durham. She stated that it was not the Boards job to protect us. She listened at the Barrington meeting and is disappointed with the Board and felt they took a defensive stance. Would like to see a weighted spread sheet ranking the level of importance to getting back to school. She asked what the launch plan was, and to make it public, and asked if all were vaccinated could we go back to school.

Chad Michaud has a ninth grader from Barrington who stated that the asynchronous model made a huge difference with his son's attitude. He is now very u[beat, organized and the social interaction was positive. He did state that when viewing his son's computer screen there were black boxes where cameras were not turned on. He tells his son to put the camera on to make a connection with his teacher.

Matt Pappas is here tonight wearing three hats, a parent, a teacher at OR, and a Rochester Board member. Speaking for myself the time for in-person learning was September/October when the case numbers were low. Don't change now as we are settling into a routine. Sending students back now is unconscionable. We are in an epic pandemic and have experienced firsthand a quarantine situation right here at the high school. We all want to return to school, remove the politics from the discussion. Now is not the time to meet in large groups.

Michelle Dunbar has a son at St. Thomas, and they are doing an excellent job on school, all cases are outside the school setting. Remote Learning is killing our students. She is here tonight representing parents and students with a call to action, please do not give up. Stop giving money to the PTO, write to individual Board members and ask for their resignation, generate a Go Fund Me page for legal representation, we will not be held captive. She stated that she knows there are teachers out there who agree, don't stay silent, don't hide under the union. Make a motion for teachers to enter the school buildings and teach remotely from their classrooms now.

Justin Disco has a junior at the high school and also is a teacher at Spaulding High School. He stated that OR missed the boat and should have gone back in September when it is the crucial time to make the initial connection. He bought a home is this district and is ashamed to be here, this Board is inactive. Make a plan and evaluate every thirty days.

There were no additional public comments and it finished at 7:15 PM.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the December 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes: Revisions:

Denise Day stated on page 5 in the third paragraph for her comment she would like it to read, "Denise Day expressed her frustration that the updated information from the finance committee was not sent out prior to the meeting so that there would be time to review it.".

Denise Day moved to approve the December 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes as revised, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Williams. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. District: None

B. Board:

Denise thanked Megan and the student senate for their meeting today. It was extremely informative. She also clarified a statement that she made to a group of parents that the kids are going to be okay, we need to give them hope and that she is not minimizing the impact of Covid. She wants to reassure our kids to have faith and that we will be with them every step of the way.

#### VI. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda items listed under the unanimous consent agenda:

Al Howland read the motion for unanimous consent agenda. Motion to approve the list of policies for second read/adoption and deletion. Second Read/Adoption: GCQC-Resignation/Retirement, GCP – Staff Vacancies, GDR – Work Rules for Staff GCRD – Tutoring for Pay. For Deletion: GCKA-Overnight Program Implementation, GCN/AFC – Evaluation of Professional Staff – Teachers, GDPC/GCPC – Retirement, GCQB – Publication of Creation of Educational Material, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

#### VII. DISTRICT REPORTS:

- A. Assistant Superintendent Reports: None
- B. Superintendent's Report:

Dover Medical Advisory Council Questions and Answers (7:30 PM)

Dr Morse began by giving a brief description of the work that the Dover School District did to create the Chart that is included in your Board back up. He also stated that the questions generated by the Board that were previously sent to the Dover Medical Counsel representative are enclosed in the back up and listed below. He asked the Dover Medical Representatives to introduce themselves.

Megan W. Harvey's has a doctoral degree in epidemiology and public health. She interprets data surrounding infectious diseases and has been assisting various school districts with the COVID pandemic.

Scott Schuler, SPHN/SCPHN COVID-19 Incident Management Team – An Incident Commander that has been responding to the COVID situation since March.

Both Megan and Scott read the individual questions and provided answers to the best of their ability.

There were technical difficulties at various times, but they were able to answer or repeat answers to the satisfaction of the Board.

The question and answer session concluded at 8:10 PM with Superintendent Morse thanking both Megan and Scott for the participation and apologized for the technical difficulties that occurred during the session.

Questions presented at the Presentation.

**COVID Related Questions for December 16 Board Meeting** 

#### Mental Health

- 1. The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended that schools should allow children to be "physically present in school" as much as possible because of major health, social and educational risks to keeping children at home. What evidence is there of an actual increase in youth mental health and social challenges during the pandemic?
- 2. Considering the restrictions and stress of in-school instruction, are there solid data to show that kids are happier once they can go to school through a hybrid model?

3. From a health perspective, how should districts weigh COVID-19 risks vs. mental health risks in their reopening strategy?

## Vaccines

- 4. How do you envision the timeline for vaccinations--both for teachers and students? Is it realistic to imagine universal vaccination before the start of the 2021-2 school year?
- 5. When can we expect our teachers and staff to be able to access a vaccine?
- 6. What is the process and anticipated timelines for making these vaccines available for children? Is Sept. 2021 a reasonable hope?
- 7. In the months when an adult vaccine is available, but a youth vaccine is not, how should we think about the increased safety of our schools? E.g., could we increase student density?
- 8. What would be the process, if any, for mandating that teachers and staff get vaccinated? (If mandating is legal, is it a state or district decision? What issues, if any, should we anticipate towards ensuring our full school community is vaccinated?)

## Modes of transmission

- 9. Early in the year it was thought that young children are less vulnerable to Covid 19 and less likely to spread it than older students. Is that still the accepted view of professionals?
- 10. What do we know about children's susceptibility to COVID-19 and their contagiousness to others? Does this vary by age?
- 11. Are schools "spreader sites" when they follow protocol? (How is asymptomatic spread tracked in school if there is no testing? And if there is no testing, how do we know for sure that schools are not contributing to community spread? We know there have been instances of Covid-19 in schools that offer full time instruction with both masks, social distancing, and updated ventilation St. Thomas Aquinas is the most recent example.)

## **Testing & Contact Tracing**

- 12. What changes in testing do you foresee in the months after the new year?
- 13. What are current options for inexpensive, reliable, available testing?
- 14. Are there any promising technologies on the horizon that a school district might access? (To your knowledge, are any other districts (nationally) testing teachers and/or students regularly; if so, how do they do it?)
- 15. How do you recommend defining contacts for purposes of contact tracing? Would it be prudent to contact trace with a lower threshold than DHHS has been using, for example within 6 feet for any length of time, or in the same classroom for more than 20 minutes regardless of proximity?

## School operating modes and metrics

- 16. In planning for a return to in-person schooling at some point after the new year (2021), how useful and credible is the rubric developed by the Dover Public Schools, created by Megan Harvey?
- 17. When considering community prevalence and new cases, do you recommend considering only the school district (i.e. just Dover, or just Durham+Lee+Madbury in Oyster River's case), or a larger region such as adjoining towns, the county, or state? It looks like you use both the County and State numbers in the DSD Covid metric dashboard (<a href="https://4.files.edl.io/5991/11/24/20/142030-fc0ba0cf-8b0d-4c2e-8c77-18d7d48101a3.pdf">https://4.files.edl.io/5991/11/24/20/142030-fc0ba0cf-8b0d-4c2e-8c77-18d7d48101a3.pdf</a>). When they are different, do you place more weight on County or State rates?

- 18. Do you recommend different levels of In Person-Hybrid-Remote based on the ability to cohort or contact trace, or based on the size of cohorts? For example, would you recommend different models or precautions for high schools where there are more students and staff mixing, than middle or elementary schools where the groups interacting can be kept small even within the school?
- 19. When NH schools were closed in March, the apparent rate of spread of Covid-19 was significantly less than it is now. Scientifically, using current data, why is opening schools now considered safer than it was in March?
- 20. Opening during a surge: ORCSD currently operates our elementary schools in a hybrid model and our middle and high schools in a primarily remote model. From a health perspective If COVID-19 community rates continue to rise into January and February and our elementary schools continue in hybrid format, is it feasible/advisable to open a NEW school (e.g., the middle school) to hybrid format? Why or why not?

## **Environmental Considerations**

- 21. What are current best practice safety protocols in schools (such as Dover?) and how were those reached? What data guided these decisions?
- 22. What safety measures do you recommend for use of school busses?
- 23. What are the best practices for room ventilation? Should windows be open or closed? Should fans be used? Do you recommend use of standalone HEPA or similar filtration in classrooms?
- 24. How much is the length of a school day a concern? Would you be more concerned about transmission risk in a full day of school as opposed to a half day of school?

Jim continued his report out to the Board by explaining his request to move to Remote Learning beginning Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and running through the holiday/vacation weeks and continuing into the first week of January with a return of Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. He went on to explain that this would provide a lengthen timeframe to create a buffer between the holidays and remote school days to help lower the spread of the virus in our schools when we return.

The Board asked if this would include all district activities, clubs and sports and also provided a clarification of the return date to school as one week.

There was no further discussion and the meeting moved forward with Suzanne being invited up to the podium to present her presentation. Jim explained to the Board that instead of the high school and middle school presenting their power points, they would report out using an executive summary with the power point being provided as back up.

Suzanne began by referring to the letter received from the NEAS&C for the high school's continued school accreditation and also referred to the letter that the high school counseling department submitted the RAMP application (Recognized ASCA Model Program) for implementation of a fully comprehensive school counseling program at ORHS.

Suzanne reported out the following to the Board.

High School Faculty were asked what they were currently observing as academic and social emotional challenges for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The faculty identified that the 9<sup>th</sup> grade was challenged with motivation and executive functioning as well as communication and self-advocacy.

The students were also survey earlier this year. 176 of the 210 9th graders completed the survey. 13% stated that they were not motivated and 60% felt their motivation was neutral.

We are living during a time of a global pandemic. Research and reality are evident in many of our lives - during a time of trauma our crisis memory, motivation, and task completion are dramatically impacted.

Having said that, as we compiled the data collected about student strengths and faculty responses I was and am thoroughly impressed by our faculty and students.

High School Faculty were asked what they were currently observing as academic and social emotional strengths for the 9th grade. The faculty identified that the 9th grade strengths as attendance, seeking help, resilience, adaptability, and kindness. These skills are vital in development and are not measured on a test or in a paper. These are vital lifelong skills that are highlighted as things we as a school value in our Vision of a Graduate.

Faculty were also asked about the ways in which they are adapting to meet the needs of our students. I am continually impressed by the ways in which our faculty have and continue to adapt. They have identified the following areas as ways in which they have adapted to meet the needs of our students:

Increased time spent with students individually – one on one time Refined Curriculum Content & Pace Increased Parent Communication and meetings Adjustment of Assignments/Flexibility of Due Dates Referrals to Counselor

These adjustments have resulted in consistent grade comparisons for the past four years. If teachers were not adjusting accordingly and appropriately you would see a larger number of students failing, then in previous years. Our faculty and staff are working extremely hard to ensure that all student needs are being met and they are doing an amazing job.

I have been asked to discuss next steps for the high school.

I am working on a 50% model that respects all learners, remote and in person as well as supporting faculty with the new demands that a new model would impose. It is important to remember that any 50% model will result in the loss of contact time with teachers and instructional time. If you decide that you would like a to pursue the 50% model at the high school I would ask the School Board to allow me the appropriate time to ensure that this shift is done so with proper attention to detail.

Al Howland asked that four questions be answered to move forward with a plan:

- 1. What public health criteria are we looking at?
- 2. What is the best model as developed with staff input and why?

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- 3. What are the limitations on the suggested model?
- 4. Budget?

The Board asked various clarifying questions about staff availability, flexibility of switching classes, responsibility of determining criteria, concerns about taking time away from teachers, communication being a problem and that we need a plan, questions regarding the criteria, in -person balance vs. remote.

Jim advised the Board to allow Suzanne to build the model and present at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time the Board can review using the criteria that is determined and ask clarifying questions.

There was no further discussion and Tom aske the Student Senate to report out.

Megan reported out on the meeting that was held that morning between the student senate and the School Board via Teams. She stated that it went very well with discussion between both parties with a question and answer session. She also relayed that many students expressed a lack of interest in coming in due to the risk. She would like to have another scheduled meeting with students to discuss the proposed model. She also discussed the students view of asynchronous vs. synchronous. Moving forward she hopes to have a safe plan we can implement that can be shared.

Tom called a 5-minute recess at 9:10 PM.

The meeting resumed at 9:15 PM with the middle school presentation by Jay Richard.

Jim explained as with the high school presentation, he provided an executive summary to report out with the power point being provided in the back up. His summary is depicted below.

ORMS has created a hybrid school model which will increase in-person learning. This was approved by the ORCSD school board to start after the MLK holiday or as COVID numbers allow.

## Review Option 2 ORMS hybrid model:

Students will come into the building, by last name, one full day a week

Students will have one asynchronous day and two synchronous remote learning days

Students identified through the MTSS process will continue with targeted learning Wednesdays

## Benefits of option 2 hybrid model:

Increase in-person learning – 25% of students in the building at a time

No student or teacher team changes

No case manager changes

Schedule is designed to easily switch to and from the current remote schedule

## Challenges of option 2 hybrid model:

Increase in Asynchronous time

Increase in personnel (4 paraprofessionals needed to cover remote teacher classrooms)

Transition time between current model and new model (hiring staff, parent survey to confirm choice, adapting to new schedule)

## Timeline:

Week of Jan. 4-8

Survey parents, survey will be due Friday, January 8

Microsoft LIVE parent Q&A meeting Tuesday, January 5 at 7 PM (recorded for those who can't attend)

Create and share a family newsletter regarding new model and schedule

Week of Jan. 11-15

Transportation planning

New paraprofessional training

District nutrition/lunch planning

Week of Jan. 19-22

Confirm transportation and bus routes

Teachers and staff prepare classrooms for safety

COVID safety plan established (arrival, dismissal, lunch, etc.)

Week of Jan. 26-29

Board green lights plan January 20

New Hybrid Model starts Quarter 3 on January 26

A lengthy discussion ensued, and the Board asked Jay clarifying questions, which he answered.

Al Howland made a motion to move forward with the new hybrid model for grades 6 through 8 and the  $5^{th}$  grade will remain the same,  $2^{nd}$  by Denise Day. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

## C. Finance Committee Update:

Al Howland reported that the Finance committee charge was for the budget of the 2021-22 school year. He would like to come back to the Board on January 6<sup>th</sup> with a new charge that would include any departments that would allow for wiggle room for additional expenses incurring during this school year.

Denise Day clarified that in the original charge the sharing of documentation for these meetings would be provided to the full Board for their review and that did not happen at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. She asked if minutes could be developed and provide to the full Board.

Al Howland apologized for that lapse and stated that it was a quickly called meeting and that it would not happen again.

## D. Business Administrator:

## FY21 Budget Update

Sue Caswell directed the Board to her report in the back up and explained that she encumbered funds for bond payments, utilities until the end of the year, and advised the Board that these were assumptions for what they thought would be the amount. She advised the Board of some accounts that might have balances.

There were no questions and the meeting moved to Discussion items.

**D. Student Representative Report:** was moved following the high school presentation on page 7. **F. Other:** 

#### **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Draft 2021-22 School Calendar - 2nd Review

There was a brief discussion with no questions.

Brian Cisneros made a motion to approve the 2021-22 School Calendar,  $2^{nd}$  by Denise Day. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

## Consideration of concurrent learning model research and feasibility

Yusi presented her justification for creating this new working group and read her proposed motion:

Direct the administrative team to establish a working group to research other districts' experiences with concurrent teaching and to conduct a feasibility study for ORCSD - including technology platforms, instructional strategies, support for teachers and students, and possible models for voluntary implementation by individual teachers. The working group will present its findings to the Board on February 3, 2021. The Superintendent will invite the Guild to nominate members to the working group, which will also include parents, administration, and Board members.

Feedback from the Board was that this was a good idea and that it brings different ideas to the table, that there was concern that this would add a burden to the administrators, that the timeline depicted was ambitious, and that the make-up of the committee might be too large and suggestion of possibly lowering the number of representative needed.

Yusi Turell made a motion to direct the administrative team to establish a working group to research other districts' experiences with concurrent teaching and to conduct a feasibility study for ORCSD - including technology platforms, instructional strategies, support for teachers and students, and possible models for voluntary implementation by individual teachers. The working group will present its findings to the Board on February 3, 2021. The Superintendent will invite the Guild to nominate members to the working group, which will also include parents, administration, and Board members, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Klein. Motion passed with a vote of 6-1 with Denise Day voting in the negative and with the student representative voting in the affirmative. The motion passes.

#### IX. ACTIONS

Superintendent Actions:
A. Board Action Items:
Discussion:

Approval of List of Coaches and Volunteers

Brian Cisneros made a motion to approve the list of winter coaches and volunteers,  $2^{nd}$  by Denise Day. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2 with Michael Williams and Dan Klein abstaining and the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Michael Williams asked if there needed to be a vote to support the superintendent's request to move forward with the remote learning.

The Board questioned if this would be a clarification of the superintendent's decision and not a Board approval.

Denise Day made a motion to clarify the superintendent's decision to go remote from December 21st through January 8th, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

## X. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES: None

## A. Manifests Reviewed and Approved by Manifest Committee:

Denise Day and Dan Klein reviewed the manifests. Payroll Manifest # Vendor Manifest # 13 \$503,512.50

#### XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Darren Skopel has a daughter who is a junior and he is a teacher at Spaulding. He sympathizes with the position that the Board is in and gave an example of his experience at Spaulding and encourage the Board to keep moving forward.

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## XII. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Date:

12/30/20 Manifest Meeting – ORHS Auditorium

1/6/21 Regular Meeting - ORHS Auditorium

1/13/21 – Budget Public Hearing – HS Auditorium 1/20/21 – Regular Meeting – ORHS Auditorium

XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 (If needed)
NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 (If needed)

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Brian Cisneros made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.,  $2^{nd}$  by Michael Williams. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0 with student representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy L. DiFruscio Executive Assistant to Superintendent of Schools



**ORMS** 

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## **OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

From:

Jay Richard

Date:

December 22, 2020

Re:

Club and Extracurricular Nominations

## Message:

Please accept the following names for nominations for ORMS clubs and activities.

## Positions:

Name	Activity	Stipend	Years	Longevity	Total
Jarika Olberg	District Music Department Head	\$2,500	3	N/A	\$2,500
Cathy Dawson	Literary Magazine	\$2,057	4	\$75	\$2,132
Chris Hall	Outing Club	\$618	9	\$300	\$918
David Ervin	MS Jazz Band	\$2,467	23	\$375	\$2,842
Sue Bissell	MS Club	\$618	7	\$225	\$843
Sunny Sadana	Outing Club	\$618	11	\$375	\$993
Ruth Gehling	MS Math Counts	\$2,057	20	\$375	\$2,432
Laurenne Ramsdell	MS News	\$1,029	2	\$0	\$1,029
Jonathan Derick	Yearbook	\$2,057	3	\$75	\$2,132
Michele Martin	Science Club	\$618	10	\$300	\$918

# OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2021 SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Oyster River Cooperative School District of Durham, Lee, and Madbury qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School in said district on the  $2^{nd}$  day of February 2021, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for Session I of the Annual School District Meeting for discussion of Articles 3 through 7 and for any amendments thereto. Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article at Session I.

Official ballot voting for school district officers (articles 1 and 2) and on articles 3-7 will occur at town polling locations on Tuesday, March 9, 2021:

Town of DurhamOyster River High School7:00 am to 7:00 pmTown of LeeLee Safety Complex7:00 am to 7:00 pmTown of MadburyMadbury Town Hall11:00 am to 7:00 pm

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose three School Board members one each for Durham, Lee and Madbury for the ensuing three years, and one At-Large School Board member for one year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$50,254,968. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$50,080,250 (Default Budget) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the District may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X, and XVI to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only. *The School Board recommends this appropriation.* (*Majority vote required*)

## Note:

Fund 10 = \$48,707,995 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$824,050 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$600,000 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$41,000 (expenditures from pass through funds).

ARTICLE 4: Shall the District vote to approve within the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 273-A:3 the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Oyster River Bus Drivers Association and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2021 - 2022

\$ 18,070

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,070 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Oyster River Educational Support Personnel Association and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2021 - 2022

\$ 63.853

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,853 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the District vote in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II to increase, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of any unused portion of the year-end unassigned general funds from the preceding fiscal year from the current percentage of 2.5% to 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment under RSA 198:5 for the purpose of having funds on hand to use in subsequent fiscal years? (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Facilities Development, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust which was established in March of 2017. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amounts to be raised from taxation.

Given under our hands at said Durham NI	H this day of January 2021:
Thomas Newkirk, Chairperson	Michael Williams, Vice-chair
Yusi Turell	Brian Cisneros
Daniel Klein	Allan Howland
Denise Day	



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## **OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

To:

Dr. James Morse, Superintendent

From:

Andy Lathrop

Date:

12/21/20

Re:

2020-21 HS Winter Coach

## Message:

Please accept the following names for nomination to coach/volunteer for their selected sport this upcoming winter season.

## **High School Positions:**

## Volunteer:

Name	Team
Alex Foster	Boys Varsity Basketball Asst.
Owen Buck	Asst. Indoor Track
Christopher Lacasse	Boys Varsity Basketball Asst.
Tia Raspante	Girls Ice Hockey Asst.

#### Paid Positions:

Name	Team	Stipend	Years	Longevity	Total
Zach Lewis	Boys Varsity Basketball Asst.	\$1,500	0	0	\$1,500

Sincerely,

Andy Lathrop
Director of Athletics
Oyster River Cooperative School District

Name of Candidat	<sup>e:</sup> Alex Foster	School: ORH	IS
Position: Boys Varsit	y Basketball Assistant Coach	Paid:	Non-Paid: 🗸
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Athletic Director N	larrative:		
Please accept this	s nomination of Alex Foste	r as a Boys Varsity Ba	sketball Assistant
Coach. Alex Will V	vork primarily with the Vars	sity and JV programs a	is a volunteer.
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Attachments:	Reference Checks:	Application:	
Andrew P. Lathrop		12-16-2020	
Signature of Athletic	Director	Date	

Name of Candid	<sup>ate:</sup> Owen Buck	School: ORH	S
Position: Asst Inde	oor Track	Paid:	Non-Paid: 🗸
Athletic Directo	r Narrative:		
a former Div. 1	this nomination of Owen Buc track and field athlete at Virg experience to the team.	k as a Indoor Track As jinia Tech and brings a	sst. Coach. Owen is a wealth of
Attachments:	Reference Checks:	Application: 🚺	
Andrew P. Lathro	pp	12-16-2020	
ignature of Athle	etic Director	Date	

Name of Candidate: Chris	topher Lacasse		School	ORHS	ž.
Position: Boys Varsity Basketh	all Assistant Coach		Paid:		Non-Paid: 🗸
Athletic Director Narrativ	e:				
Please accept this nomir Assistant Coach. Chris volunteer.	nation of Christophe	er Lacasse vith the Va	e as a l	Boys Var nd JV pro	sity Basketball ograms as a
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Andrew P. Lathrop		1	2-16-2	2020	
Signature of Athletic Director			]	Date	

Name of Candidate	<sup>e:</sup> Tia Raspante		School	0	RHS
Position: Girls Ice Ho	ckey Assistant		Paid:		Non-Paid: ✓
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Athletic Director N	larrative:				
Please accept this Coach. Tia has a the program.	s nomination of Tia Raspa n extensive hockey backg	nte for the	Girls I Will br	ce	Hockey Assistant a lot of knowledge to
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Andrew P. Lathrop		1	2-16-2	0	
Signature of Athletic		Ι	ate	e III	

Name of Candidate	Zach Lewis		School	l: ORHS		
Position: Boys Varsity	Basketball Assistant Coach		Paid:	<b>V</b>	Non-Paid:	
Athletic Director Na	arrative:					
Coach. Due to the and drills option fo Zach is an exceller	nomination of Zach Lewise sheer number of boys players that do not not teacher of the skills of the knows the kids well. We have him.	aying this t make the ne game a	year, e Vars and is	we have ity, JV o also a p	added a skills r Reserve teams. ara professional	
Attachments:	Reference Checks:	Applicat	tion:	<b>√</b>		
Andrew P. Lathrop Signature of Athletic	Director	1	2-16-	2020 Date		