

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting**

March 20, 2019

High School

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SCHOOL BOARD: Brian Cisneros, Tom Newkirk, Dan Klein, Michael Williams, Al Howland, Denise Day, Kenny Rotner
Student Representative: Patty Anderson and Yasmeen Gunandar

ADMINISTRATORS: Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Jay Richard, Suzanne Filippone, Carrie Vaich, David Goldsmith

There was one member of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

By Superintendent Morse at 7:00 p.m. He opened the meeting for nominations of School Board Chair.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Denise Day nominated Tom Newkirk for Chair 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Tom Newkirk abstaining.

Tom Newkirk opened the nominations for Vice Chair. Tom Newkirk nominated Denise Day for Vice-Chair, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Denise Day abstaining and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Patty Anderson introduced Yasmeen Gunandar as the new Student Representative to the School Board for the upcoming year.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Rubine from Lee congratulated the Board members on their re-election and also to the District for getting everything passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve 3/6/19 regular meeting minutes

Brian Cisneros moved to approve the March 6 meeting minutes with the following revisions, 2nd by Denise Day.

Page 1 Paragraph 3 replace “Mallard” with “Mallory”

Page 5 At the end of paragraph 3 Insert Tom Newkirk recommended that the word internal be removed from the draft.

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

A. District

David Goldsmith, Principal of Moharimet, announced that the Pancake Breakfast will be on March 30th. This is a great time for the community to get together. There will be information there on the middle school plans. There will also be a free spaghetti dinner on April 10th followed by a presentation on the Middle School at Moharimet. The construction project will be starting on April 1st at Moharimet. They are working with everyone on safety procedures and transition plans during the project.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way thanked everyone who attended the Spaghetti Dinner to hear about the middle School. She thanked the NHS students who helped out with childcare. She also thanked the PTO who hosted their first paint night. 72 kids attended and it was a great time. Tomorrow is Jump Rope for Heart.

Jay Richard, Principal of the Middle School, remembered Kathy Coakley who recently passed away encouraged everyone to check out the article on Foster's this week. She will be missed.

Suzanne Filippone of the High School talked about work the faculty has been doing including bystander training, and the English Department for bringing Shakespearian Play back to the High School.

B. Board

Denise Day attended a performance at the Johnson Theatre with the high school Orchestra, middle school Jazz Band and performer Will Todd. It was incredible to see so many kids with such a great performer.

Al Howland announced that the Oyster River High School Orchestra will be having a fund raiser this weekend.

Al Howland discussed that on May 4th UNH is having a day of unity. This was started last year to have a change of perception during Cinco de Mayo. This is a great opportunity for the District to work with UNH.

Tom Newkirk mentioned that Mike Anderson has recently had a new book published.

Tom Newkirk mentioned that after the last meeting, they wrote a letter to NHSBA on 564 and asked them to take a neutral stand and he will keep the Board updated. They sent out the Board's letter and it has appeared in various publications around the state and that is a successful way of getting the word out.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports

Todd Allen mentioned that we are in the final stages of planning the Summer Reach Program. The catalog will be out the first week of April. The Program starts the week of July 8th and runs for five weeks. Kenny Rotner noted that even though it is with Durham Towns and Recreation, any family with school age kids are welcome to participate.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse reviewed the election results with the Board. All warrant articles passed. He appreciates the support that the community shows to the school system.

The Administration Team is continuing to work on plans for the middle school and community events that can be identified to discuss the proposal to make this a running dialogue over the next twelve months.

Superintendent Morse has been invited to be part of a panel on innovative school design in Boston.

He also reviewed the Strategic Plan New Middle School Modification 5 year plan and the Strategic Plan Staffing Breakdown with the Board. This will also help give a sense of what the budget impact will be as well.

C. Business Administrator:

FY19 Budget Update: Sue Caswell gave the budget update. It is in the same place as last year. Over the next couple of weeks, she will be fine tuning where we will end the year. There was a Board discussion on the budget. Sue mentioned that the District is now down three bus drivers and she also defined how teacher's sick time is defined.

Approve the MS22: Denise Day moved to approve the MS22, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative in the affirmative.

Sue Caswell mentioned that the Board members will need to come into the office as soon as they can and sign off on the affidavit for the Mast Way Projects in front of the notary.

D. Student Representative Report: Student Representative Yasmeen Gunandar reported that the sophomores are starting their bystander training. Spring sports are starting up. The members of the Mouth of the River are in New York right now for a journalism conference.

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

E-Rate: Josh Olstad

Josh Olstad discussed the RFP/RFQ on eRate switches. The contract was awarded to Omada for \$206,338.05 based on compatibility with current district systems and price.

Michael Williams moved to approve the contract to Omada for \$206,338.05, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Josh Olstad discussed the RFP/RFQ on eRate ORHS Internal Fiber Cable: Contracted awarded to ePlus for \$23,686 based on experience with vendor. Denise Day moved to approve the contact to ePlus for \$23,686, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

School Board Self-Evaluation:

The Board is required annually to do a self-evaluation. The Strategic Plan and developing a plan for the middle school have been their two priorities over the past year. Brian Cisneros liked how the Board met with the Barrington school Board during a meeting and he would like to continue this annually. Al Howland mentioned the World Language Program in the elementary level and the 1:1 technology for the 9th grade students and how to move forward over the next year to develop a plan on these items.

Kenny Rotner feels that great accomplishments have been the cell phone policy and also the 1:1 program at the Middle School. He also feels that their job is easier because of the leadership team, the faculty staff and the community support and thanked everyone involved.

Patty Anderson has been very impressed with Tom Newkirk's tenacity with the gun issue bringing it back to the NHSBA. She feels that it is important.

Dan Klein feels that this Board is thoughtful and tries to find the best approaches. We live in a community that is supportive of public education and the community has been very supportive.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action: None

B. Board Action Items:

Al Howland moved to accept two ORHS Letters of Resignation, ORMS Letter of Resignation, and Moharimet School Health Provider, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Brian Cisneros moved to approve an ORMS Maternity Leave of Absence from May 2019 through the end of the year, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Al Howland moved to elected William Leslie as ORCSD School District Clerk, Lisa Harling as ORCSD School District Treasurer, and Karen Palmer as ORCSD School District Physician for the 2019-2020 School Year, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve Administrator Contracts as submitted by the Superintendent. Denise Day moved to approve the Administrator Contracts as submitted by the Superintendent, 2nd by Brian Cisneros.

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

Motion to nominate and approve Continuing Contract Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent. Al Howland moved to approve the continuing Contract Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve 2019-2020 Superintendent's Contract: Brian Cisneros moved to approve the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Contract, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day moved to approve Policy G CBD Sabbatical Leave, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Denise Day moved to approve the following Policies for a second reading Policy JICD

D Policy TBD -Allowable Use of Funds & Adherence to Uniform Grant Guidance.

D Policy TBD – Federal Cash Management

2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Accept Policy IMBD HS Credit for 8th Grade Advance Coursework:

Suzanne Filippone detailed the reasons for earning HS credit for 8th Grade Advance Coursework. This Policy also aligns with the Graduation Policy that the Board put into place last year.

Revisions:

Insert “These elective courses cannot be used to substitute for required high school courses” at the end of paragraph one. Insert “high school” before principal in paragraph three.

Paragraph 4 insert “one” before world language.

Denise Day moved to approve Policy IMBD High School Credit for 8th Grade Advance Coursework as amended, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Denise Day moved to approve Policy IMBD for a second reading and adoption, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to nominate Administrators Salaries: Brian Cisneros moved to approve the Administrators Salaries, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Manifest Review and Approved by Manifest Subcommittee:

Payroll Manifest: #18: \$862,012.43, Vendor Manifest: #2 \$749,918.61

There was a brief update on Learning Management Software that allows the sharing of information and curriculum across the District. They have had two vendors come in. The difficult thing will be getting everyone to use the software. There will be training that would need to be put in place for the faculty.

Tom Newkirk reported that the Middle School Committee met and will meet again this Friday.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS: Future Meeting Dates: 4/3/19 Regular Meeting

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (if needed)

NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 I (if needed)

XIII. ADJOURMENT:

Brian Cisneros moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary