

**Oyster River Cooperative School District**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 1, 2019**

**High School**

**DRAFT**

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

Student Representative: Yasmeen Gunandar

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

There was 12 members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Manifest Review at each School Board Meeting.

7:00 – 7:45 Middle School Update – Ron Lamarre

7:45 – 8:30 – Strategic Plan Workshop

Tom Newkirk mentioned the passing of Joe Duval who was an Oyster River alumni and his mother is employed at Mast Way. The Board's thoughts go out to his family.

**Middle School Update with Ron Lamarre:**

Ron reviewed the interior space plans and how they will function at the Middle School with the Board. He detailed that the spaces will be treated with acoustic products to absorb the sound and keeping the noise levels down during the lunch periods. Ron explained that there will be glass doors being used as partitions and aesthetics in the building.

There will be two elevators in the building. This cuts the distance in half for anyone needing to use them.

Al Howland asked if there is a recital design similar to this that has been done at any other schools. Ron added that they do have a recital hall consultant working with them on this design. He offered to present different type of recital halls to get feedback. Kenny Rotner wants to make sure that other needs such as drama performances are being included in this recital hall. Superintendent Morse added that the high school auditorium is set up for drama performances with staging and the equipment and they are envisioning that middle school

performances will be held there. Both Kenny Rotner and Al Howland want to make certain that we are maximizing the acoustic and the sight lines of the recital hall.

They have begun working on the energy aspect of this building and are putting together a design with some options on the energy systems.

The next step is to meet with the faculty and students before they leave for summer break to get their feedback. He will be updating the Board in two weeks on the sustainability aspect of the building.

They have hired an illustrator to do professional sketches and they will be put on a postcard for each category. Each postcard will have a QR code for more information.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Loren Selig of Durham mentioned that she has serious concerns about the all the proposed glass in the Middle School. She also wants to make sure that financing is being considered in the building of this school. Loren is struggling with lack of communication in the District to find out what's happening and what changes are coming.

Anita Mathur of Durham talked about the pending ORMS Teaching assignment changes and is concerned about the number of them changing at one time. She is worried if they have enough experience to be teaching in their new assignments.

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Remove Kindergarten Teacher Request/HS Technology Integrator from the agenda  
Strategic Plan Workshop moved to after Section VI.

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve the agenda with the above changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion passed 4-3 with Michael Williams, Tom Newkirk, and Brian Cisneros opposing and the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Denise Day moved approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> minutes with the revisions below, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner.**

##### **Revision:**

**Page 4 Paragraph 5 She also announced that Shawn Kelly received the Fitzwater Medallion for contributions to the Public Discourse by a journalism educator.**

**Denise Day echoed Suzanne's commendation of Shawn Kelly's award.**

**Page 5 remove Discussion item Update on ConVal Case.**

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

#### **V. Announcements:**

**A. District:** Suzanne Filippone acknowledged all the students and mentors that helped out at the ACE Mentor Program Presentation this evening. This was a pilot program and they will be returning next year. They will also be opening and piloting a writing lab at the high school next year.

There are four students that will be traveling to Washington DC to compete in the national competition for History Day.

She also talked about the opportunities for the students with the opening of Riverwoods in Durham later in the year.

Catherine Plourde announced that they have received a 0 on the IDEA this year's report which is the highest possible score.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way announced the spring concert tomorrow evening at the high school. Everyone is welcome to join.

##### **B. Board:**

Denise Day attended the community conversation that Suzanne facilitated around competency grading. There was a good turn out. There was a great interactive conversation and activities.

Kenny Rotner talked about how important teachers are and how they take on so many responsibilities. He respects the educators in the district and around the country.

Tom Newkirk would like to attend the ruling on the ConVal Case. This could have a huge impact in the future.

AL Howland updated the Board on the ORMS trip to China. The kids were amazing, it was a big cultural change for them and they did great.

## **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

**A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:** None

**B. Superintendent's Report:** The value of the ACE Program in the District is really high. This program is about hands on learning and that is not something that we have been traditionally involved with. This pilot program for the state of NH was a great success and Superintendent Morse commended everyone that was involved with it.

**Enrollment Projection Update:** We are still in the hiring phase and Superintendent Morse is anticipating that we can have this discussion at the beginning of June.

He attended an inclusion workshop and they are trying to put together a manifest for the state on diversity and inclusion. All of these organizations are attempting to attract a wide variety of people of color to work in the state of NH. It is hard to attract people of color because it is not a traditional location that attracts minorities. They are going to continue to work on it.

Superintendent Morse also mentioned that he is in the process of setting up meetings with each middle school teacher to have a conversation with them.

**C. Business Administrator:** None

**D. Student Senate Report:** AP testing starts next week they will also be getting the SAT results this week. The World Language Honors Society induction is tomorrow night. The prom will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Red Barn.

**E. Other:** None

## **VII. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

### **Strategic Plan Update:**

The Board continue their review of the Strategic Plan:

Strategic Staffing Breakdown: 50,000 part time position needs to be removed. Kenny Rotner believes that the world language goal should be firmer in the implementation.

Al Howland thinks that the Technology Integrator is a unique situation and it gives a lot of flexibility.

District: Michael Williams disagrees with the removal of communication from the Strategic Plan. Superintendent Morse explained that it will be coming back as a Board goal.

Competency Based Education: Community conversation and discussion continues in 2021-22. Make recommendations to the School Board in 2021-22.

Sustainability Operations: The remaining green team coordinator will work with the teacher leaders.

Mental Health: Implement continuous review process that involves staff and students across the mental health section.

Transportation: Possibly remove from the Strategic Plan and implement as a Board Goal. Possibly develop a survey for parents on using public transportation.

**Brian Cisneros moved to approve the Strategic Plan with the above revisions as a first reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Denise Day suggested that they only print out the revision pages on the strategic plan not the entire packet for future meetings.

## **VIII. ACTIONS**

### **A. Superintendent Actions**

### **B. Board Action Items**

**Denise Day moved to nominate the Moharimet School Nurse 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Denise Day moved to nominate the ORMS Nurse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.**

List of Policies:

Policy JLIE - Student Automobile Use

Policy JIHB - Searches of Student Automobiles on School Property

Policy EEAG - Use of private vehicles to transport students

Policy JICC - Student conduct on school buses

Policy JFCB - Care of school property by students

For Deletion:

GDBAA - Support: Reward for outstanding performance

The Board had an in-depth conversation around policy JIHB. The Principal can search a vehicle with reasonable suspicion and the police department can search a vehicle with probable cause. Kenny Rotner would like the policy to be that if a school has a suspicion that the chain goes to the SRO and that searches should be handled by the proper legal authorities. Michael Williams suggested building administrators have proper training on conducting searches. Superintendent Morse will get clarification from the attorneys and will report to the Board at the next meeting.

**Denise Day moved to approve Policy EEAG and JICC for a first reading 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Denise Day moved to approve Policy JFCB for a first reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Denise Day moved to delete Policy GDBAA 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.**

## **IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **A. Manifest reviewed and approved by manifest subcommittee:**

Payroll Manifest #21: \$1,319,977.75

Vendor Manifest #24: \$727,358.89

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dean Rubine from Lee went on the Washington DC trip and the students did well and had a great time.

**XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

A. Future Meeting Dates:

5/15/19 Regular Meeting ORMS 7:00

5/29/19 Manifest Review – 3:30 PM – SAU Conference Room

6/5/19 – Regular Meeting – Moharimet – 7:00 PM

**XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II**

**NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 I {If Needed}**

Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-91 A:3 II (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, they entered into nonpublic at 9:20 p.m.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Brian Cisneros made a motion to return to public session and adjourn at 10:25 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Klein. The motion passed 7-0.**

Respectfully yours,  
Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary