

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Regular Meeting**

July 18, 2018

Oyster River High School

7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD: Denise Day, Brian Cisneros, Tom Newkirk, Dan Klein, Al Howland, and Michael Williams. Not Present: Kenny Rotner and Student Representative: Patty Andersen

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Morse, Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Carrie Vaich Roy, David Goldsmith, and Catherine Plourde

There was 1 member of the public present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Brian Cisneros moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 6-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Denise Day moved to approve the minutes of June 20th, 2018, 2nd by Dan Klein.

Michael Williams questioned where the Approval of Manifests should go in the minutes. Dr. Morse suggested putting it in the committee reports. The Board agreed this was a good idea. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Approval of June 20th nonpublic meeting minutes: Denise Day moved to approve the nonpublic meeting minutes RSA 91-A:3 II (c), 2nd Michael Williams. Revision: change vote to “7-0”. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2nd June 20th nonpublic meeting minutes RSA 91-A:3 II (c): Denise Day moved to approve the nonpublic meeting minutes RSA 91-A:3 II (c), 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Revision: Kenny Rotner left the meeting. The first motion should be “6-0.” Motion passed 6-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS

A. District: Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported on the Building Project Update. The new windows are almost completely put in place, Siemens is ahead of the plan on their side of things with the lighting fixtures. Everything is moving very smoothly.

B. Board:

Michael Williams would like the Board to think about the school calendar and the big picture of when the school year begins and ends. Our calendar does not take into consideration the university calendar at all. He would like to ask some questions about the calendar. Superintendent Morse added that the Dover Superintendent has invited the area superintendents to have a discussion around the calendar and the winter breaks.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction

Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen reported that there are 80 kids in the Reach Program this week. It is a great program and exciting to see all the kids involved.

Update on testing for NHSAS: This is the first year NH has done SAS testing. It is a different test than the Smarter Balanced Testing. In 2018 the State of NH switched from SBAC to NHSAS for statewide assessment testing. Both tests are based on Common Core Standards but are unique assessments. School and individual scores were made available in June, but comparative data will not be available until the fall. NHSAS also contains a science assessment for grades 5, 8, and 11, but scores will not be available until September. SAT scores for 11th graders have been reported to individuals, but school and comparative data will not be available until fall. All families received an electronic copy of their child's individual score reports in June.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Doris Demers, the School Nutrition Director, has been recognized for the President's Award of Achievement in Las Vegas. Superintendent Morse mentioned that she has truly transformed the food service in the District.

Mast Way Project: We are shooting for a Thanksgiving date for everything to be complete. The same architect is designing the work at Moharimet so that work is underway.

The Dell Computers for the students and staff have arrived and they are being configured. They will be distributed by start of school.

The Middle School is in the process of cleaning the duct work. The lighting and window emphasis will be done at Moharimet next week. The high school is preparing for their lighting update.

Transportation Driver Update: Signs have been put up in the schools to fill the open positions. Four positions have been filled and there are two open positions.

Enrollment Update for 2018-19: Superintendent Morse reported that there are very full classes in Moharimet Grades 2, 3, and 4. The classes are also very full at Mast Way for Grade 4. There are six children that will be currently attending Mast Way that live in the Moharimet District. Superintendent Morse asked the Board if they want to make exceptions to the policy. The Board agreed by consensus to support the policy as it stands.

C. Business Administrator: Sue Caswell reported that their application to the Public-School Infrastructure established in RSA 198:15-y for the security improvements and upgrades at Mast Way Elementary School has been approved. The award reflects 80% of the costs, not to exceed \$24,836.00.

D. Student Senate Report: None

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FY2019 General Assurances: Historically, the General Assurances have been signed by the Superintendent. The Commissioner has asked that the School Boards sign the General Assurances moving forward:

Al Howland moved to approve the General Assurances, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 6-0.

MS Facility Report: Tom Newkirk reviewed the MS Facility Report with the Board. Accepting the report begins the process of moving forward with this project and there are two viable options. The committee did an enormous amount of work over the year. Once there is a construction manager and an architect, they will be able to determine the viability of the site.

Denise Day asked about the Goss Property option either building new on-site or off-site. The Goss property is on 60 acres. Any time we get in the position of buying land, we need permission from the voters. If we moved to the Goss Property for the Middle School, we would lose the walkers, bicycle riders to school and the proximity to the high school and town. The size of the Goss Property would allow for expansion. They have not explored the costs of the property to see if it is fiscally viable.

Al Howland moved to support the options of the report and empowered them to move forward with the options, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0.

Revised Use Agreement: Superintendent Morse detailed to the Board that there was an organization using the facility who are not following current Federal ADA guidelines. The District incurred significant legal costs as a result of the complaints with this organization not complying with the guidelines. Moving forward the agreement spells out following District procedures with federal ADA guidelines.

Denise Day suggested that the Policy Committee review this again. Superintendent Morse requested that the Policy Committee review and meet on this before the meeting in August. Al Howland noted that there should be a memo of rules that should be signed off by organizations before they use the property. There needs to be a mechanism in place for any incidences that occur, to be investigated.

2018-19 School Board Goals:

Tom Newkirk noted that we have only one teacher of color in the District and suggested that we reach out to universities. Superintendent Morse feels it is an important issue for our community and our children. The goal is to build a strategy to recruit staff of color.

Draft Board Goals:

A new Middle School – The next steps
The Adoption of the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan

Superintendent Morse will bring forward the draft Board Goals to the August 15th meeting for Board approval.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

Sustainability Nominations:

Maggie Morrison	Green Team Leader	\$10,000
Jacqueline Bruhn	Green Team Leader	\$10,000
Christina Felix	Green Team Coordinator	\$ 800

Al Howland moved to approve the above Sustainability Nominations, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Policies:

Policies for First Read:

KCDA - Memorials, Dedications and Recognitions

Denise Day moved to approve the above policy for a first reading, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0.

Policies for Second Read/Adoption:

BBBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment

BBBF - Student Representative to the School Board

BCA - School Board Member Ethics

Denise Day moved to approve the above policies for second read/adoption, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

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

Payroll Manifest: #1: \$160,665.88

Vendor Manifest: #30: \$23,552.57, Vendor Manifest #2: \$369,426.10

X. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dean Rubine from Lee mentioned the programs the kids are doing over the summer.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates: 8/1 Manifest Meeting 3:30 p.m. SAU Office
8/15 Regular Meeting ORHS Library 7:00 p.m.
8/29 Regular Meeting ORHS Library 7:00 p.m.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA-91-A:3 II {if needed}
NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA-91-A2 I {if needed}

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Michael Williams. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 6-0 to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary