

Revised September 24, 2019

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Regular Meeting

September 4, 2019

High School

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

Not Present: Student Representative: Yasmeen Gunandar

ADMINISTRATORS: Sue Caswell, David Goldsmith, Misty Lowe, Josh Olstad, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Suzanne Filippone

There were 14 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:30-7:00 Manifest Review

Tom Newkirk and the School Board recognized the school custodians for all their work and how much they appreciate what they do to get the schools ready and on a daily basis.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Denise Day moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Doug Hoff and Janet Martel, two members of the Guild Negotiation Team, thanked the Board for the process. They work in the best interests of the community and the students.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 08/7/19 and 08/21/19 regular and non-public meeting minutes:

8/7/19:

Denise Day moved to approve the 08/7/19 meeting minutes, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

8/21/19

Denise Day moved to approve the 8/21/19 minutes with the following additions, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Revisions:

Page 7 insert: Kenny Rotner moved to accept an out of district high school tuition student, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve 8/21/19 nonpublic meeting minutes:

Denise Day moved to approve the 8/21/19 nonpublic meeting minutes, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

A. District: David Goldsmith, Principal of Moharimet, reported that the first five days have been smooth and wonderful. The custodians did a great job. The building was open and ready to go on day one. Their enrichment theme is: The Year of the Ocean.

Misty Lowe from Mast Way reported a smooth start to the school year. They will be creating a staff mural for open house. October 3rd 6:00-7:00 open house and 7:00-7:30 MS Presentation.

Jay Richard had an exceptional start of the year. September 17th is grades 7 and 8 academic information night and open house. September 25th is grades 5 and 6 open house and academic information night.

Suzanne Filippone thanked the custodial crew and technology department. She publicly thanked the counselors for all their help with students. Mark Milliken and Mike McCann working on the schedules getting ready for the school year have done an outstanding job. Today the freshmen receive their laptops for the 1:1 program. September 19th is the high school open house.

B. Board: Kenny Rotner noted that in addition to the great concern about the widespread vaping known to be occurring in our schools, there is the new issue of significant pulmonary problems that are being reported across the country with several hundred hospitalizations and at least 8 deaths. He wondered whether we as a district should be doing something to call attention to this new, acute peril associated with vaping. Suzanne replied that they have done some push out of information through advisory. They have looked at vaping detectors and they will continue to do some education and work collaboratively

with the health classes and the nurse on it. Jay Richard added that they cover vaping in health classes. Kenny Rotner thanked them for being on the issue.

Tom Newkirk reported that the Conval lawsuit ruled in favor of Conval and that the law was unconstitutional. The administration have decided to appeal it to the Supreme Court. Tom Newkirk asked if the Board wants to create a proposal for the next Delegate Assembly. Superintendent Morse added that there are some School Districts that would like to support our resolution. Tom Newkirk would like to see some coordination done before the assembly with other districts to cosponsor a proposal.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports

Report on Summer Professional Development:

Summer 2019 PD in the Oyster River School District:

The public perception often is that teacher's take the summer off. In the ORCSD, a significant portion of our preparation and long-range planning takes place during the summer months. In the summer of 2019, ORCSD Professional Staff engaged in more than 600 days of professional development. In the summer of 2019, the teachers accomplished a great deal that will benefit the students of the ORCSD.

Below is a list of the PD activities staff have engaged in for Summer 2019:

Middle School Team Planning

Technology Boot Camp

One to One technology planning at the Middle School and High School

Competency development and training

Open Circle Training

World Language Proficiency Curriculum Development

NGSX Science Teacher Training

Math Curriculum planning and development

Literacy curriculum review and development

Student Support services training and planning

MTSS planning and PD

Professional collaboration around many topics:

Action research

K-8 Technology Curriculum

Health Curriculum

Advisory Program

Math/Science Integration

B. Superintendent's Report:

Opening of School: Superintendent Morse thanked the bus drivers for all their work. The district is two bus drivers short versus six at the start of last year. Lisa Huppe continues to finesse the bus routes.

Enrollment: The overall enrollment is up 18 students.

Mast Way:	367 students
Moharimet:	297 students
Middle School:	666 students
High School:	851 students

The Teachers Guild Negotiation Contract Agreement 2020-2025:

Superintendent Morse noted that this new agreement is for five years. He detailed other items of note in the proposed agreement. There was cooperation at the highest level between teachers and the negotiation team.

Denise Day moved to approve the 2020-2025 Teacher Guild Negotiated Contract Agreement, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

Cooperative Program in Boys and Girls Lacrosse:

Andy Lathrop, Athletic Director, spoke requesting permission to pursue cooperative programs with Newmarket High School in both Boys and Girls Lacrosse. With the decline in numbers over the past four to five years in both programs, it has become increasingly difficult to field Varsity and JV teams. This past season we were in danger of losing the Boys Program. While the girls' numbers were not quite as dire, we had too many players for one team and not enough for two. The coaches were able to pull off a JV team however we had many players doing duty on both the Varsity and JV Teams.

Andy addressed the question of why the decrease in numbers. He would attribute the number decrease on both sides to the fact that there has been considerable amount of coach turnover in the past five years. We have two very committed coaches for our programs that are in for the long haul. The drop in numbers has also led to the lack of a viable JV option for kids, which has scared some of the athletes away.

Newmarket has the potential to bring 8-10 kids to each program next year. Dan Klein suggested doing a little more outreach to middle school parents to communicate what the proposed plan is.

Andy mentioned that there has not been a lot to notify parents on at this stage of the game, as we need Board approval before moving forward. He is extremely confident that this would receive a positive response from the lacrosse program, and they will definitely keep the parents updated should the process evolve.

Denise Day moved to authorize the Athletic Director to pursue cooperative programs with Newmarket High School for Lacrosse, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Business Administrator

End of Year Financial Report: Sue Caswell reported that there is a \$736,104 fund balance that will be returned to the taxpayers.

The Board Chair has signed the MS25/DOE25 Report.

FY21 Budget Calendar:

Sue Caswell reviewed the FY21 Budget Calendar with the Board:

- 9/30 Superintendent Department Reviews
- 10/28 Draft Budget Distribution
- 10/31 Workshop session with the Board
8:00 – 1:00 at the Lee Safety Complex
- 11/20 Regular Board Meeting Budget Discussion
- 11/21 Budget Workshop with the Board 7:00 HS Library
- 12/4 Regular Board Meeting Set Budget 7:00 High School Library
- 1/13 Town Budget Forums – Durham Town Hall 7:00
- 1/15 Board Hearing/Public Hearing 7:00 High School Auditorium
- 1/20 Town Budget Forums – Madbury Town Hal 7:00
- 1/27 Town Budget Forums – Lee Public Safety Complex 6:30
- 2/4 First Session/Deliberative Session 7:00 HS Auditorium
- 3/10 Section Session/Voting by Ballot

Denise Day moved to approve the budget calendar as presented, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

2019/20 Sustainability Stipend Position:

Proposed Stipend Position: Maggie Morrison

Kenny Rotner had several questions for Maggie Morrison and these included trying to get a sense of how many hours per week she will be working, details about the scope of her work, whether she will actively seek grant money and volunteers and possible involvement in the school gardens. Maggie replied her position involved about 15-20 hours/week. She replied that this year they would be open to pursuing grants in future years. He noted that he feels that having a sustainability coordinator is incredibly important but was concerned about the specifics of her actual role.

Denise Day moved to accept Sustainability Coordinator Stipend Position, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-1 with Kenny Rotner opposing

D. Student Senate Report: None

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Proposed Middle School Bonding Options

Superintendent Morse presented the bonding options to the Board. They will need to determine which bonding option they will be pursuing by October in order to share the funding plan with the community and to build the budget. Different options impact the budget differently.

Denise Day asked Sue Caswell which option she would recommend. She replied that she would recommend Option 3 and Superintendent Morse would recommend Option 2.

All options work due to these factors:

Interest only for two years

CIP offsets bonds

End of HS Bond in February 2023 and

Commitment by the Board to increase CIP/Bond by \$500K/annually

The Board had a lengthy discussion and agreed by consensus to move forward with either Bond Option 2 or 3. Superintendent Morse noted that once the Board's decision is finalized, we will prepare a warrant for the voters to act on for February 2020 Deliberative Session and for the voters in March 2020.

Brian Cisneros and Denise Day both mentioned the very favorable interest rates that the District would be able to take advantage of for this project. The Board requested Sue Caswell run estimates for Option 2 and 3 at 2.75% and 3.25% with the bond bank for a duration of 25 years and have it available for the next School Board meeting.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to appoint SRO and Truant Officers:

School Resource Officer ORHS/ORMS Officer Tom Kilroy - Durham

Truant Officer: Mast Way Officer Justin Doty - Lee

Truant Officer: Moharimet Chief Joseph McGann - Madbury

Brian Cisneros moved to approve the above list of SRO and Truant Officers, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

Brian Cisneros moved to approve the following ORHS and ORMS Stipend Activity Advisors, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

ORHS

Kate Melitz	Musical Director	\$3,259
Marc LaForce	Music Activities .50	\$1,371.50

ORMS

Michele Martin	Science Club	\$912
Andrea Von Oeyen	Music Activities.50	\$1,221.50

Motion to approve List of Policies for second reading/adoption:

JLCF	Wellness
DKC	Expense Reimbursement/District and Federal Funds
DA	Fiscal and Federal Monitoring and Management
D2	Procurement – Subrecipient Monitoring and management

Denise Day moved to approve the above list of policies for second reading/adoption, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. Manifests Reviewed and Approved by Manifest Committee:

Payroll Manifest #4: \$286,992.66

Vendor Manifest #5: \$633,830.56

Denise Day reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee is meeting Tuesday, September 10 and will be going over the opening day numbers.

Todd Allen reported that the Sleep Study has been completed and it will be on a future Board agenda.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

- A. Future Meeting Dates:** 9/18/19 Regular Meeting HS Library 7:00
10/02/19 Regular Meeting HS Library 7:00

**XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (if needed)
NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 I {If needed}**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Brian Cisneros moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary