

**Oyster River Cooperative School District**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 2, 2019**

**High School**

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

**Student Representative:** Patty Anderson

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

There were twelve members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Proposed Revision: New middle school mission statement be moved to the beginning of the meeting.**

**Denise Day moved to move the new middle school mission statement to the beginning of the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Darren Keller from Lee spoke out opposing the tuition agreement with Barrington students at the high school. He would like to see the long-range plan and wants to know if we really need these kids in our schools.

Cecile Gunn Desmond spoke and supports world languages down to the elementary grades.

Andrea Birkel, a resident of Durham, has volunteered to be on the committee for world language at the elementary school level.

Steve Wourgiotis, a District resident, talked to the Board about the importance of learning languages in the earlier grades.

Yusi Turrell spoke in favor of a formation of a committee to dive in and see what our options are for bringing world language to the elementary schools.

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

**Motion to approve 12/19/18 regular meeting minutes  
Revision: Page 7 change “4-1-0” to “4-0-1”**

**Brian Cisneros moved to approve the 12/19/18 regular meeting minutes with the above revision, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Klein. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Denise Day abstaining.**

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS**

##### **A. District**

Suzanne Filippone, Principal of the High School, updated the Board on professional development opportunities. There were two home tournaments during vacation and they both went great. She thanked the parents for all their efforts on them during vacation.

Carrie Vaich, Principal of Mast Way, reported that the classrooms and music room were all moved in. They also moved into the new offices during vacation.

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

Denise Day commended the students who participated in the Foster’s Daily Democrat holiday art writing contest.

#### **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

##### **A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports:**

Todd Allen reported that the deadline for teaching sabbatical applications is on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Chris Hall, who is currently on sabbatical, will be speaking at the next meeting.

##### **B. Superintendents’ Reports:**

**World Language Study/Committee/Charge:** To investigate current research related to effective elementary world language programs, to identify the obstacles faced including how world languages would fit in master schedule and to present best practice options for Board consideration by November 2019.

**Al Howland moved to approve the World Language Study/Committee/Charge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Williams. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

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Superintendent Morse added that the members of the committee would include World Language staff and parents.

Michael Williams feels that one concern is time and would like to see a preliminary report in May and final recommendations in September.

Superintendent Morse added that once we know what the format would be of the program then the principals of the elementary and middle schools can determine how this would fit into their schedules.

**Orchard Drive Update:**

Superintendent Morse reported that the Advisory Committee had their first meeting. Kenny Rotner asked about the time frame for fund raising and Superintendent Morse replied that they are looking at a year-long process.

**C. Business Administrator:** None

**D. Student Senate Report:**

Patty Anderson, Student Representative, reported that there were two home tournaments over vacation. Mid-term exams are the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Snowball Dance is January 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be hosting their first home debate in February. They will not know the graduation date until the beginning of March.

**E. Other:** None

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Guidance For Voting on NH School Board Assembly Resolutions:**

The Board discussed the Proposed Resolution #1 which was submitted by Oyster River, but not recommended/opposed by the NHSBA Executive Committee. They discussed talking with Keene who has a similar resolution.

**Kenny Rotner moved that Tom Newkirk use his best judgement and vote accordingly on the NH School Board Assembly Resolutions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise**

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

**FY20 Proposed Budget:** Sue Caswell detailed the proposed budget with the Board in preparation for the public hearing next week.

They won't be voting on the budget until after the public hearing next week.

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**Al Howland moved to approve the proposed budget as presented for the public hearing. Motion passed 6-1 with Michael Williams opposing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Default Budget:** The default budget is \$46,850,794 which is \$554,716 less than the proposed budget.

**Assign Presentation of Warrant Articles:**

**Tom Newkirk moved to assign the following School Board members to present Warrant Articles:**

**#3 Al Howland**

**#4 Dan Klein**

**Presentation of the Volunteer Recognition Award – Michael Williams**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

The Board discussed when the overview of the new proposed middle school will be presented at the public budget hearing.

**New Middle School Mission Statement:**

Ron Lamarre from Lavallee/Brensinger Architects discussed the new Middle School mission statement.

He thanked everyone who participated in the workshops.

The following statements of significance are the result of a visioning exercise with community leaders, students, staff, educators and parents. These statements are our guiding principles to ensure meaningful and memorable planning decisions are made during the process of creating our new learning environment. These principles will ensure strategies and measures

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implemented within the design include indicators of quality that support our vision.

**Building as Teacher:** Our new middle school will be a teaching tool for environmental sustainability that provides optimal learning spaces that meet the needs of all students within a student-centered environment; composed of flexible teaching spaces that promote a variety of instructional practices for multi-sized collaborative groups and individual work.

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**An inclusive environment:** our new middle school spaces will be fully accessible, ADA-compliant, and supportive to all individuals, with and without disabilities; designed to meet all acoustical, physical, and medical needs.

**Student Focused Building:** Our students will experience an efficient and well-designed school focused on a logical organization of classrooms and traditionally non-instructional spaces to create an integrated learning environment, which minimizes travel time by providing right-sized and conveniently located student storage spaces.

**Anytime, Anywhere, Learning:** Our efficiently designed school will optimize our student's learning experience by supporting an enhanced master schedule, which allows for more academic time due to optimized spatial connections, right sized spaces, specialized music spaces, enhanced PE spaces, and a dining space that accommodates two lunch periods.

**An Environment to support learning:** Our furniture, equipment, and technology systems will be purposefully selected to support adolescent development needs and provide flexibility in teaching practices; whereby products and infrastructure systems support current and future technologies, while radically reducing the carbon footprint of our new middle school.

**Safe, secure, welcoming, and inspiring:** Our new school will provide safe and secure environment including carefully designed traffic and pedestrian flows that create an inviting and attractive main entrance; while sustainably designing indoor and outdoor spaces that provide learning experience and student work display opportunities.

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A future-ready environment: Our new school will be a flexible design to support future changes in education and to ensure future occupants of this school will say “this building was designed to meet the needs of children...”

Community Centered: Our ORCSD community will utilize state of the art, sustainable facility that supports year-round community events, continue established relationships with UNH and the public library through offering classroom and specialized spaces, such as the gym and music hall, for community and/or recreation use.

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Ron added that he will be doing a monthly update with the Board. This will allow open communication, community engagement and feedback. The Board agreed that this was a good idea. Michael Williams asked about the price per square foot for the new middle school versus ones that they had previously built at a higher cost. Ron replied that middle schools in MA cost more to build than NH. He compared the cost of Oyster River to the new middle school in Wells which was completed for \$178 per square foot.

Schedule:

January 2019:	faculty facility focus group
February and March 2019:	reach out to the community
May 2020:	start construction
September 2022:	proposed finish of project

**Strategic Plan Review Process Establish Workshop Dates:**

The Board discussed that they should be using regularly scheduled Board meetings for this in January, February and March. They will be taking a small piece at each meeting and have a conversation and discussion.

**VIII. ACTIONS**

**A. Superintendent Action Items:** None

**B. Board Action Items:**

**Policies for Second Reading/Adoption:**

**Policy IJ Instructional Resources and Policy JICL Student Computer and Internet Use**

**Denise Day moved to adopt Policy IJ and Policy JICL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Manifest Reviewed and approved by Manifest Subcommittee**

Payroll Manifest #13: \$1,44,120.33

Vendor Manifest: #15: \$ 78,713.15

Kenny Rotner asked if there was going to be a Board consensus on the Middle School Mission Statement and questioned the addition of emotional well-being being included.

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**Kenny Rotner moved for the Middle School Mission Statement to read: “Every School has a Story. Academics, Emotional Well-being, Sustainability and Safety is the story behind our New Oyster River Middle School”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:** 01/08/19 Public Budget Hearing – ORHS  
02/05/19 Deliberative Session – ORHS  
Auditorium

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

- **Superintendent Evaluation**

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session at 8:40, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,

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Laura Grasso Dobson

Recording Secretary