

**Oyster River Cooperative School Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 2023**

**DRAFT**

**SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:** Denise Day, Brian Cisneros, Dan Klein, Heather Smith, Matt Bacon, Tom Newkirk, Giana Gelsey

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Paige Burt

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Dr. Morse, Suzanne Filippone, Catherine Plourde, Sue Caswell

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**GUEST PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:** Misty Lowe, David Goldsmith, Jay Richard, Rebecca Noe

**I. CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 PM by Denise Day.**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Denise Day announced the following two changes to the agenda:

Add a possible approval of a Scholarship under the Discussion & Action Items.

Remove a DEIJ workshop at the conclusion of the regular meeting. It will be rescheduled.

**Matthew Bacon made a motion to approve the amended agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None provided.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Heather Smith a motion moved to approve the April 5th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Klein.**

Tom Newkirk provided the following revision:

On page 3 revise his comment so it reads, “Tom Newkirk noted that the survey did not pose a basic question of interest to the Board – Does the current reporting system give you a clear sense of your child’s progress? In particular, he suggested asking parents if terms used to indicate progress, for example “progressing,” are clear to them since they are central in the reporting system.”

Gianna Gesley provided the following revisions:

On page 2, change the spelling of “Gianna” to “Giana” in the passing of the minutes.

On page 3, change the spelling of “Oyen” to “Oeyen” in the second sentence of the Superintendent’s Report.

On page 3, under the last paragraph of District Reports starting with “Gianna,” insert the following sentence at the beginning of the paragraph: “There was some discussion of the low parent/guardian participation rate on the survey and its effect on the results.”

Denise Day provided the following revision:

On page 4 under Conval Lawsuit, it should read that “the trial starts April 10”, not that “Dr. Morse testifies April 10.”

**Motion passed with correction 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS**

**A. District** – None provided.

**B. Board**

Brian Cisneros stated that in addition to public hearing comments, the public comments need to also be open for 30 minutes per state policy. A member of the public may provide comments in a 30-minute window even after the Board has moved on to other business.

**Brian Cisneros made a motion for Public Comments to be open for 30 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Bacon. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

Denise Day said both 4th grade plays, *Alice & Wonderland, Jr.* and *Annie* were excellent, and she congratulated everyone involved in the performances.

## **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction Report(s)**

#### Teacher Professional Development Plan for June 2023

Suzanne Filippone reviewed the memo regarding the five professional days, four of which will be in person June 20<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, and one will be a “floater” asynchronous day. A few components of the K-12 professional learning work will include faculty meetings at all buildings, a focus on vertical & horizontal curriculum, and communications work around best practices and website introduction. A half day district wide Crisis Prevention Institute Training (CPI) will occur at all levels. The asynchronous professional day will focus on Schoology. Suzanne commended Sarah Curtin and Janet Martel for their helping in creating the asynchronous teacher course work on Schoology.

Board members clarified with Suzanne the stages of work for the different areas of study within the curriculum scope & sequence cycle.

### **B. Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Morse shared that he attended the 4<sup>th</sup> grade musicals, and the singing performances were excellent. He announced that tomorrow night the middle school will hold their spring concert. Brian Cisneros provided Dr. Morse with a Foster’s article about the Conval lawsuit that was forwarded to the rest of the board. Dr. Morse thanked Tom Newkirk for showing up during his testimony and said Oyster River’s presence means a lot to the school districts that don’t have sufficient funds for their budgets. He gave a shout out to the 19 school districts who sued the state for not meeting its constitutional obligation to fund students adequately.

### **C. Business Administrator**

#### General Assurance FY24

Sue Caswell requested that the Board Chair and Superintendent sign the FY24 General Assurances.

**Tom Newkirk made a motion for the Board Chair and Superintendent to sign the FY24 General Assurances, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

### **D. Student Representative Report**

Paige Burt announced that the Community Dinner on Thursday was a great event with tabling from student groups across the district, good food, and warm weather. High school students recently took the Risk Behavior Survey and Paige felt the switch from computer to paper was a good one. She felt it provided more anonymity and overall trust in the process. Report cards came out on Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter progress reports will go out on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Planning for Senior Week is underway, and the school is accepting applications for next year’s student representative to the school board.

**E. Finance Committee Report** – None provided.

**F. Other** – None provided.

**VII. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA –Denise Day asked if any items needed to be discussed separately and the Board had no items to withhold.**

- Nominate SAU HR Coordinator.
- Nominate District School Nutrition Director.
- Nominate ORHS Assistant Student Services Director.
- District Flex Nurse Resignation.

**Denise Day made a motion to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Smith. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

**VIII. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

Scholarship Trust Fund

Denise Day read aloud the “School Board Acceptance of Trust” scholarship and requested a motion for approval and signed consent.

**Giana Gesley made a motion to approve the scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

Board members signed the document.

Committee Assignment Requests

**Heather Smith made a motion to appoint School Board Members to the various Board committees as proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Bacon. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

Assign two Board members for Manifest Review for the next six months.

Chair Denise Day announced she will step down from Manifest Review for the next 6 months and asked for a board member to fulfill the vacancy. Tom Newkirk volunteered to serve with Matt Bacon.

**IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Denise Day announced that Policy met last week, and policies will go before the Board at the next regular board meeting.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None provided.

**XI. CLOSING ACTIONS**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:** May 3, 2023 – Regular School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM Moharimet School  
May 17, 2023 – Regular School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM MS Recital Hall

**XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** RSA 91-A:3 II {If Needed}

**NON-MEETING SESSION:** RSA 91-A2 I {Beginning of the meeting}

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**The School Board reserves the right to take action on any item on the agenda.**

**Heather Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Giana Gesley. Motion passed 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

- Workshop: DEIJ – Rachael Blansett – following the Regular Meeting – Postponed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karyn Laird, Records Keeper