

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2020

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

Student Representative:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: James Morse,

STAFF PRESENT: None

GUEST PRESENT: Yusi Turell and Debra Harmon – Candidates for School Board Vacancy

GUEST'S PRESENT VIA REMOTE ACCESS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM by Tom Newkirk

Tom Newkirk stated that we will have a short non-meeting at the end of this session. Clarifying question for process reviewed.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Brian Cisneros moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Tom stated that we will have 30 minutes for each interview. There is a list of seven questions if a follow up question is warranted just step in and ask. Tom provided an example of a possible follow up question. He stated that Michael will keep track of the time and then following the second interview, the Board would discuss and possibly vote. If need be the vote can move to the October 7th meeting. If no decision is made tonight or at the 7th meeting, the matter goes before Town Councils for a decision.

Interview of the two At-Large Candidates

Questions for Board Candidates

1. Why did you choose to be an applicant for this position? (Tom)
2. Board members each bring some unique skills/knowledge/experiences to the work of the Board. What do you see yourself as bringing? (Tom)
3. What in your opinion makes a good Board member? (Dan)
4. If you think of organization or groups you have worked with--which personal traits are most important for the group's success? Which most disruptive? (Brian)
5. Over the years, the Board has had to make decisions about issues in which there were strong opinions in the community and among board members. Examples include football and cell phones in school. How would you describe your approach to dealing with such issues? (Denise)
6. Two significant issues the Board faces over the next five months are the budget and the school attendance models. What thought do you have about how we might address these? (Al)
7. What is one piece of advice you'd give to the school board? (Michael)

Tom welcomed the first candidate: Debra Harmon and proceeded to ask the list of questions. Deb left the meeting at 7:31 PM

Tom welcomed Yusi Turell and proceeded to ask the list of questions. Yusi left the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Tom thanked the candidates at the end of their interviews.

~~III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:~~

~~IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:~~

~~V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:~~

~~A. District:~~ None

~~B. Board:~~

~~VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:~~

~~A. Assistant Superintendent Reports:~~

~~B. Superintendent's Report:~~

~~C. Business Administrator:~~

~~D. Finance Committee Update:~~

~~E. Student Senate Report:~~

~~F. Other:~~

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Tom opened the floor to the Board members for their input on their choice of candidates. Each Board member expressed their choice of candidate and why. They all expressed that either candidate would be a great Board member and hoped that they will put their names on the Ballot in March of 2021.

Tom thanked all the individuals that placed their names in this race and appreciated the time and effort that they put in.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Vote to Appoint an At-Large Board Member.

Tom called for a vote for Debra Harmon: 2 votes – Al Howland and Brian Cisneros

Tom called for a vote for Yusi Turell: 4 votes – Tom Newkirk, Michael Williams, Denis Day, Dan Klein.

Yusi Turell will be the At-Large Board member for the remainder of this term until March 2021.

~~IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:~~

~~A. Manifests Reviewed and Approved by Manifest Committee:~~

~~X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:~~

~~XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:~~

~~A. Future Meeting Date: 9/30/20 Finance Committee/Manifest/Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
10/7/20 Joint Board w. Barrington and Regular Meeting 7:00 PM~~

~~XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 {If needed}~~

~~NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 I (a)~~

- ~~• Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining~~

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

**Michael Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., 2nd by Brian Cisneros
Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy L. DiFruscio
Executive Assistant to
Superintendent of Schools