

Page 2
October 18, 2017

DRAFT

no direct to cost to the District. She is requesting that the Board charge the Oyster River Athletic Director to contact the Portsmouth Athletic Director.

Nathan Schmuger of Durham mentioned that they have observed with their daughter that racism is a widespread problem and that the use of language should not be used. He thinks that the District has a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve October 4, 2017 regular meeting minutes

Revisions:

Page 3, 4th paragraph 6 sentence insert “It is a great way to find out what is happening in the school.”

Replace page 3, paragraph 6 2nd sentence with “She encourages a dialogue with students and the Board about homework and not have the Board simply rely on a survey.”

Denise Day moved to approve the October 4th minutes with the above revisions, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

A. District: None

B. Board

Denise Day discussed elementary enrollments. As she sees it, there are three main issues driving the elementary school enrollment issue:

A dramatic shift in enrollment from Moharimet to Mast Way.

Full day kindergarten requiring more classrooms for kindergarten.

The overall reduction in enrollment that was projected did not occur.

Denise Day also mentioned that Chengdu University visited and performed in a concert at the high school. The studio orchestra also performed and it was great.

Al Howland announced that there will be Treat or Treat at the Mill Plaza on October 28th and a movie.

Kenny Rotner reported that the Durham Town Council had a presentation with the budget and they are looking at how expenses continue to rise for Durham while needing to increase the assessed value. Durham has made tremendous strides to increase the assessed values already. Important to go to local town council about ways to increase assessed values. If the towns are all participating we stand a better chance. Additionally, he would like to see the homework subject on a future agenda, and to address Krista Butt's suggestion of cooperative football program with Portsmouth.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Instruction Report:

Bus Route Update with Lisa Huppe Todd Allen and Lisa Huppe updated the Board on the bus routes. Todd Allen commended Lisa for all her continued hard work on this issue. The ridership patterns are constantly shifting. The bus routes are constantly being reviewed. They anticipate with one additional driver it will reduce the time of Bus 1 and Bus 22 by ten to fifteen minutes each. We currently have 26 bus drivers and we need 30 to fulfill the needs. There are also some special needs routes that need to be addressed immediately.

There are:

K-12 students 2152

Eligible for transportation 2023

Walk zone 1831

Signed up to use transportation 1462 (72%)

Lisa Huppe walked the Board through the details of the bus routes with the computer model. Kenny Rotner suggested having the bus drivers use a clicker to track how many students are using the bus on each route. Tom Newkirk suggested the possibility of paying bus drivers for training. Lisa said that the length of training depends on the person, but the average is approximately two months.

B. Superintendent's Report: Last night Superintendent Morse attended a community forum on race in South Berwick. It was very informative.

Superintended Morse reported that the Diversity Forum is next week. It is open to the entire community. There are some great parents on the forum.

There will be a community supper before the forum. By the end of next week about 60% of the staff will have completed the diversity training. The next step is working with the diversity coordinator at Berwick Academy. Todd Allen will be sending out to the Board the training schedule for Board members to pick which training works best for them.

Update on Middle School: Two subcommittees have been formed. One is to look at criteria for options and the other is to determine what is the matrix or set of criteria to determine if a piece of land is viable for a middle school.

C. Business Administrator:

Barrington Tuition Rate: Sue Caswell reported that the Tuition Agreement we have with the Barrington School District requires that we notify them on or before October 1 of each year the tuition rate for the next succeeding year. The current rate is \$15,562. The new rate is determined by the percentage change of the actual difference in appropriation operating cost of the Oyster River High School in the prior fiscal year. We have calculated the percentage change to be 5.98%. The tuition rate for Barrington students for the 2018-19 school year will be \$16,493 a 5.98% increase.

Al Howland moved to approve the new tuition rate, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Hannah Jane Wilson stated that the Student Senate had a meeting on increasing their responsibilities and will keep the Board updated. They discussed the parking issue with the principal. The senior class is meeting regarding graduation and the junior class is planning for prom. The freshmen are working on getting a movie night in the auditorium. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest is the Fall Play. Senior Soccer night was this week. On October 31st at 7:45 the Board will meet with the Student Senate.

E. Other: Siemens Report:

Tom Seekins and Shawn Foy presented their report to the School Board. They have done a performance concentrating analysis and creating an action plan.

Siemens is doing an energy and infrastructure project preliminary analysis where healthy learning environment for the classroom is the focus. Creating a master plan for facilities.

Superintendent Morse asked Tom and Shawn to attend a facilities committee meeting to review the middle school items.

Tom Newkirk ask how the items get prioritized. Superintendent Morse wanted the Board to see the scope of the work this evening. They will be meeting with Siemens to go over the priorities items and bring that list back to the Board for discussion at the next meeting. At the following meeting this will come before the Board for approval of a standalone budget.

Superintendent Morse recommends that since we have an excellent history with Siemens use them as a preferred vendor. Looking at an alternative company doesn't make sense.

Connect with the School District:

Proposed statement from the Board as drafted by Michael Williams:

The ORCSD School Board and administration strive to be accessible transparent and responsive to the concerns of the communities, students and parents/guardians. To contact administrators including Superintendent James Morse and Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen, call the school district administrative offices at 868-5100 or find email addresses on the central office web page.

School Board Members email addresses are on the School Board web page. The School Board usually meets two Wednesdays per month, and the full calendar of meetings is here. This link will also point you to the meeting live feed. The agenda and supporting materials for each School Board meeting are usually posted online 3-5 days prior to the meeting. Past meetings are archived on YouTube. Each School Board meeting usually begins and ends with an opportunity for members of the public to speak about any topic of school District concerns.

If your concern or comment specifically concerns one school, we recommend that you first contact the school office or principal of that school. Keep in mind

that under New Hampshire’s Right-to-Know law, most emails to and from administrators and School Board members are public record.

Denise Day moved approve the statement as written, 2nd by Michael Williams. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to approve policies:

Al Howland moved to approve Policies KCDA, KLG, CHCA, and EBCA for adoption, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 6-0 to approve policies.

ORMS Activity Stipends:

Al Howland moved to approve the following ORMS Activity Stipends, 2nd by Dan Klein:

Nick Bellows	MS News	\$ 999.00
Jonathan Derick	MS Yearbook	\$1997.00

Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Morse moved to approve Valerie Caswell as a one on one nurse at Moharimet. Kenny Rotner moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 6-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD OMMITEE REPORTS:

Denise Day reported that the LRPC met on Monday and they are trying to modify the formula to better predict Kindergarten numbers. They discussed different options to approach this.

Kenny Rotner reported that Policy Committee met and discussed discrimination, bullying and food services policies.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Page 7
October 18, 2017

DRAFT

XII. CLOSING ACTIONS:

- A. Future Meeting Dates: 10/23/17 Town of Lee Select Board 6:30 p.m.
11/1/17 Regular School Board Meeting ORHS Library
11/6/17 Town of Durham Council Meeting

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 at 9:20 p.m, 2nd by Michael Williams. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary