

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Regular Meeting

November 6, 2019

Moharimet School

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SCHOOL BOARD: Brian Cisneros, Dan Klein, Michael Williams, Al Howland, Denise Day, Tom Newkirk. Not Present: Kenny Rotner

Student Representative: Yasmeen Gunandar

ADMINISTRATORS: James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Suzanne Filippone, Catherine Plourde, Misty Lowe, David Goldsmith

There were 35 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

6:30-7:00 Manifest Review

David Goldsmith welcomed everyone to the school and for being a part of the dedication of the new front office area. He thanked the special guest Denise Pouliot and Paul Pouliot of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People who have contributed to the design features and educating students on the legacy of Moharimet and the Abenaki. Words and symbols related to education in the Abenaki language have been fabricated and will be hung on the school.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Change order of the agenda to move Durham Police Chief Kurz and SRO Tom Kilroy to after public comment.

Denise Day moved to approve the agenda as modified, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee – Stated that the Sustainability workshop at Mast Way on Saturday was wonderful.

Rob Sullivan - Talked about a group of individual from the three towns getting together to promote the MS project. The group meets regularly, and all are welcome.

Review Policy JIHB – Search of Student Automobiles on School Property:

Chief Kurz of the Durham Police Department and SRO Tom Kilroy attended the meeting. Chief Kurz spoke about the searches of vehicles on school property.

He stated that he hoped that the SRO could be a resource to administration in conducting a search. The Chief stated that he would like the search to stop when something illegal is found, i.e. gun, and immediately inform the SRO. In that circumstance the vehicle will be secured until a warrant is issued. The Durham Police Department and the school district will work with an atmosphere of collaboration. The Board recommended that “collaboration” with the Durham Police Department be added to the policy. Also, that the SRO be consulted with when considering a vehicle search.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 10/16/19 meeting minutes:

Page 5 last paragraph at the beginning of the 4th sentence add the words “In response to a question,”

Denise Day moved to approve the 10/16/19 meeting minutes as amended with the above revision, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. District:

Suzanne Filippone, HS Principal stated that there will be a Vape Presentation on Friday at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Connect Training – Peer to Peer program Suicide Prevention for 9th grade run by counseling department is underway. Habits of Work & Learning groups Committee was formed on private industry needs. Sarah Cathey taking students on 10-day trip to Yellow Stone for place-based study for ecologic features.

Misty Lowe, Mast Way Interim Principal – Successful family Halloween social was sponsored by PTO. Tiger Assembly focused on kindness.

B. Board:

Denise Day – thanked the Moharimet PTO for the refreshments. Suggested that the Policy committee will change the process to bring policies that do not have unanimous support of policy committee to the full Board for discussion and guidance.

Al Howland – Orchard Drive Property – 26 people have started building the trail to Foss Farm.

Tom Newkirk – Thank you to all the participants that made the Orchard Drive project possible. The gun-free school proposal was submitted to NHSBA. Suggested to move November 21 Budget Hearing to the Regular December 4 meeting.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant Superintendent Reports:

Friday is a Teacher Workshop Day and Todd reviewed the initiatives being worked on at each school.

B. Superintendent's Report:

ELO/VLACS/CTE Update: Sean Peschel –

Sean reviewed the data in the packet that he provided.

VLACS: Students are taking courses that are not offered at ORHS which is an exciting new development.

CTE: discussed enrollment over last 3 years, which has nearly doubled to 53 students at all 3 centers.

ELO: This year we have 45 students actively enrolled in ELO's
Sean answered various questions from the Board.

Update on Scheduled MS Presentations:

Dr. Morse discussed the MS presentations that have been completed and the upcoming house/school/district meetings that have been scheduled.

High School Graduation Date:

A motion was made by Denise Day, seconded by Brian Cisneros to schedule the high school graduation date for Friday, June 12, 2020. Motion passed 6-0 with the student representative abstaining.

MS Off-Site: Superintendent Morse reported that he and Town Manager Selig are in the process of scheduling a meeting with all parties involved to discuss the traffic situation for the proposed new middle school. The road congestion is the issue in tight budgetary times with neither, the Town of Durham nor the Oyster River School District in a position to incur large costs.

Review Policy/Procedure/Fee Schedule for Policy KF:

Jim recommended no-charge structure for non-profits that serve District children.

Michael Williams asked about key card access – Jim Rozycki explained the process where key cards are provided to individuals representing the organization requiring use of the facility. Michael Williams suggested that the procedure needs to be consistent with language of charges. Tom Newkirk questioned the fee schedule. Dan Klein suggested adding custodial fees to the schedule – need to clarify when charges would occur. Michael Williams suggested the priority list in the policy be copied verbatim in the procedures.

C. Business Administrator:

Sue Caswell updated the Board on the current budget and stated that we are okay at this point.:

The 2019/20 tuition rates were established using the estimated cost per pupil, MS-22 and the current year enrollment and breakdown as follow: Elementary- \$19,393, Middle School - \$18,328 and High School - \$18,747.

Al Howland moved to approve the 2019/20 Tuition rates as presented, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

D. Student Senate Report:

Reported out the various activities that are happening at the high school, spooky night, Coffee House, Barrington Informational Night along with a sports update: Boys Cross Country – Division2 Runner ups, qualified for the New England’s for 10th consecutive year. Girls Cross Country placed 4th in Division 2. Field Hockey Best season in recent memory. Gold finished 21-4 with 4 all-state golfers. Volleyball finished the season 13-4. Girls Soccer finished 10-7-*1. Unified Soccer finished with the highest turn outs for partner’s signing up. Boys Soccer finished regular season 11-2-3.

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Budget Discussion:

Jim shared with the Board a handout that included the Bond Warrant information and reminded them that it did not include revenue.

Superintendent Evaluation:

Superintendent Morse stated that he has begun his self-evaluation.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

ORMS/ORHS winter Coaches, volunteers, department head replacement:

Motion made by Denise Day, seconded by Brian Cisneros to approve the ORMS/ORHS winter Coaches, volunteers, department head replacement. Motion passed 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. Manifests Reviewed and Approved by Manifest Committee:

Payroll Manifest #8: \$1,350,657.49

Payroll Manifest #10 \$991,592.11

Vendor Manifest #10: \$85,351.25

Al Howland reported that the Sustainability Committee met, and they are working on a review of the policy. He suggested that a climate change resolution should be considered for NHSBA.

Denise Day reported that the LRPC met and they will be reporting out at the December 4, 2020 meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bevie Ketel from Madbury, asked for clarification on charging parents to use the buildings for tutoring. If this changes asked that parents be reimbursed for past usage.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

- A. Future Meeting Dates: 10/30 Manifest Meeting – SAU Conference Room
11/06 Regular Meeting – Moharimet Cafeteria
~~11/21/19 Budget Hearing – ORHS Library~~

**XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II {If Needed}
NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A:2 I {If Needed}**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m., 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 6-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,
Dr. James C. Morse
Todd Allen
Susan Caswell