

**Oyster River Cooperative School District**  
**Regular Meeting**

**November 7, 2018**

**Oyster River High School**

**7:00 p.m.**

**DRAFT**

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

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Superintendent Morse, Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Jay Richard, Suzanne Filippone

There were seven members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** by Tom Newkirk at 7:00 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Tom Newkirk has one revision of the agenda: Ron LaMarre presenting the Site Study after the approval of minutes.

**Denise Day moved to approve the agenda with the above revision, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Loren Selig of Durham spoke and stated they have two kids at the Middle School. There is a significant lack of cohesion between the elementary schools and the teams at the middle school. She gave an example that Mast Way has a student council yet there isn't one at Moharimet or the middle school. They are in year 2 of the grading system and she doesn't feel that the new grading is as clear. There are no ways to recognize kids that go above the standards. Their eighth grader is bored to tears in her world language and English. Loren would like to see a clear way to take accelerated language arts at the high school similar to the math program. There is a lot of ignorance in this district about diversity. She sent a letter to Jay Richard, who responded to her right way, about observing religious heritages. It has been very hard dealing with this for the past years. Loren also suggested that on future election days to hold school for K-8 and then do academic learning for grades 9-12 away from the school.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion to approve 10/24/18 regular meeting minutes.**

**Denise Day moved to approve the October 24 School Board Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Ron Lamarre, Architect for LaValle Brensinger, told the School Board that some testing has been done on the middle school site. This is a buildable site. The project of a standalone new building is a plus and they have the opportunity to do foundations differently and working with the ledge. The geothermal system will be far more efficient with the ledge. They have not done further testing until they have a go ahead from the Board. Next steps will be to see how the building would fit on the site. At this point they would start generating a footprint, come in and drill some deep borings which would tell them the density of the rock. Also, they would drill a test well. There is a well onsite currently that is used for irrigation. Brian Cisneros asked if the ledge makes a difference in the cost? Ron replied that they would limit the amount of rock that would need to be removed. They have had two great visions sessions and have gained a lot of great information from all the stakeholders. They need to bring those findings back to a small focus group to present their findings. They will be asking them several questions and then will be creating a document of their conclusions. He will be presenting these findings to the Board on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**A. District:**

Jay Richard, Principal of the Middle School, reported that student led conferences were done during the day yesterday. There were numerous positive comments throughout the day. They will be reaching out to parents to get feedback.

Suzanne Filippone, Principal of the High School, detailed a faculty led day for faculty which included teacher teaming and SEL activities during their workshop day this week.

**B. Board:**

Al Howland thanked the school district for everything they did for the election yesterday. Democracy runs on volunteerism and it is an extraordinary process. Kenny Rotner volunteered in the evening hours and noted that there

is a big infrastructure that is in place for the election. The custodial staff worked very hard during this and he would like them to be formally recognized for all their extra efforts.

Tom Newkirk visited Keene Middle school with Brian Cisneros, Superintendent Morse and Jim Rozycki, Facilities Director. There are wonderful teaching spaces and to see the possibilities in that building. Brian Cisneros added that they have a beautiful auditorium in Keene and underneath all the seats is a huge storage room. Every square inch was efficiently used. Kenny Rotner suggested having a conversation and discovering what tools were used by these towns in getting these buildings approved. Tom noted that the Keene Middle School passed by 80%.

## **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report(s):** None

### **B. Superintendent's Reports:**

Superintendent Morse reported that \$100,000 grant money was awarded under the Public-School Infrastructure Fund for the Moharimet Elementary Main Office Building Renovation for Safety and Security. This is great news for the District.

Superintendent Morse provided new middle school building cost comparisons of other local buildings for the Board's review.

Superintendent Morse announced that the dedication of Mast Way will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for the completion of the project to be finished. They have invited dignitaries including Governor Sununu. The December 5<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting will also be held at Mast Way and the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will convene at the high school.

### **C. Business Administrator:**

Tuition Rates:

Sue Caswell, Business Administrator presented the tuition rates. The FY2018/UNH and ORCSD Staff tuition rate is used as the basis upon which the Town of Durham seeks a "payment-in-lieu-of-taxes" from the University of New Hampshire for those children resident in UNH's family housing facility (Forest Park) and as the rate charged at 1/3 to those staff that reside outside the District and have children attending ORCSD schools.

This rate has been calculated by using the estimated “cost per pupil” for the current fiscal year (FY2019). The estimated cost per pupil uses the data from the Department of Revenue’s MS-22 form and the current year’s October 1, enrollments. The calculation set-up is as follows:

FY2019 approved appropriations  
Less: Food Service Expenditures  
Less: Transportation Expenditures  
Divided by: October 1 Enrollment

Using this method, below are the estimated cost per pupil resultant numbers:

Elementary Schools:	\$18,916
Middle School:	\$17,732
High School:	\$18,394

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above tuition rates, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Williams Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**D. Student Senate Report:**

Student Representative Patty Anderson reported that tonight was the World Language Festival at the high school and the students presented their plays. This a great event which also included a lot of culturally appropriate food. Monday was winter sports meeting night. The fall play “A Streetcar Named Desire” will be November 15, 16, and 17.

**E. Other:**

**One to One Middle School Plan and Implementation:** Nikola Viens, Tech Integrator and Nicholas Bellows, Middle School Librarian gave the Board an update on the one to one Middle School plan and implementation:

The rollout:

673 devices distributed to students over the first three days of school.  
Team level assemblies with expectations and protocols made clear.  
Assembly line model: Name tag station, case station, laptop station.  
Acknowledgement form sent home and returned signed before devices left the building.

All laptops and chargers have labels with student name.

Students have been incredibly responsible with devices:

Less than 1% damage so far.  
5 devices out of 700  
Protocols implemented if student forgets device at home.  
Majority of students charge devices at home overnight.  
Teachers have come up with many team strategies to communicate with students about devices.  
Student Technology Team starts in November.

Staff Technology PD:

Building Staff Technology Committee:  
Reps from every grade level and special ed.

Goals created for the year:

Goal 1: Plan and provide continuous PD in a variety of formats.  
Goal 2: 360 survey staff, students and parents for April 2019.  
Goal 3: Research and suggest revisions to current technology policy to fit new 1:1 structure.

Every teacher workshop day includes a “tech hour”.  
October launched the ORMS Pineapple Chart.  
Use time during future curriculum meeting for subject specific technology discussions and sharing.

Denise Day received a letter from a parent regarding keyboarding skills and asked when it is instructed. They responded that it is taught during third grade and there are ongoing tools available if needed.

Kenny Rotner asked how the cell phone policy is going at the middle school. Jay Richard replied that the bell to bell ban is going really well. There have only been two instances all year which is great.

Al Howland’s only concern is that the eighth graders will be moving to the high school next year where there isn’t a “one to one” in place. Superintendent Morse added that is a conversation that they are currently having.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Decision on Middle School Building Site:** Superintendent Morse reported that essentially there are two choices, the current site and the Goss property site.

**Brian Cisneros made a motion to select the current site as the place to build the new middle school on the current property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day.**

There is a contingency of 1.8 million dollars if something arises in costs with the current site. The Goss property site approval would need to go on the ballot. Michael Williams thinks we need to look at what this would look like down the road. This property and the high school property are not large pieces of land.

Kenny Rotner added that there is a synergy with the two properties in proximity that would be lost if they were in different locations. Brian Cisneros added that the schools in close proximity to each other is also a safer solution.

**The Motion passed 6-1 with Michael Williams opposing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Strategic Plan:**

Superintendent Morse presented draft operations plan to the Board and will be sending out the draft academic plan by the next School Board meeting. This is for the Board to review and a workshop will be set for after the holidays.

**Letter of Interoperability Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding:**

Superintendent Morse presented a draft letter to the Board as discussed at the last School Board meeting. This is in direct result of the homeland security audits at the schools.

**Brian Cisneros moved to approve the Interoperability Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding to send, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Superintendent Evaluations:**

Tom Newkirk noted that it was time to begin the Superintendent Evaluation process. Superintendent Morse will have his self-evaluation completed by the second meeting in December.

**VIII. ACTIONS:**

**A. Superintendent Action Items:** None

**B. Board Action Items:**

**Denise Day moved to approve two ORMS Maternity Leave of Absences, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to approve ORHS List of Winter Coach and Volunteers:**

**Volunteer Position:**

**Lynne Castonguay            High School Ski Volunteer**

**Paid Position:**

**Patrick McNulty JV Boys Hockey \$3,407**

**Denise Day moved to approve the above coaching ORHS List, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to approve List of Policies for second reading/adoption:**

**JICFA            Student Hazing**

**EHAA            Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications**

**IHBG            Home Education**

**Denise Day moved to approve the above list of policies for second reading/adoption, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Al Howland reported that the manifests were reviewed and approved by the Manifest Subcommittee:

Vendor Manifest #10: \$921,128.79

Payroll Manifest #9: \$995,306.36

Tom Newkirk reported that ORESPA Negotiations are ongoing and will be meeting on November 29.

Superintendent Morse reported that they are meeting this week to further discuss the possibilities of conservatorship on the Orchard Drive property.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Loren Selig commended Sarah Kuhn on the Middle School Musical. It shows how many kids are passionate about drama at the middle school. The Little Mermaid performances will be in January.

**XI. CLOSING ACTION:**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:**

11/8/18 - Board Budget Workshop – Lee Safety Complex  
11/14/18 - Regular Meeting at the High School  
11/28/18 - Manifest/Budget Workshop ORHS 6:30/7:00 p.m.

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

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,  
Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary