

Oyster River Cooperative School District DRAFT
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2018 Oyster River High School 7:00 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Todd Allen, Sue Caswell, Jay Richard, Suzanne Filippone, David Goldsmith, Catherine Plourde, Carrie Vaich.

There were two members of the public present.

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Denise Day moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Brian Cisneros moved to approve the November 7th minutes, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:
A. District: Suzanne Filippone, Principal of the High School, reported that the high school hosted an ACE Mentorship Program open house and information session last evening. This program helps mentor high school students and inspires them to pursue careers in design and construction.

Suzanne also mentioned that there will be a Youth Climate Leaders Academy retreat November 15-16 in Fairlee, VT. They are going to plan and implement projects related to climate change.

B. Board: Denise Day attended the high school coffeehouse last week and it was a wonderful experience. There are lots of talented students. It was a fundraiser for Mouth of the River.

Kenny Rotner is a member of the Durham Land Stewardship Subcommittee and they have tremendous appreciation for the School Board in considering

conservation of the Orchard Drive property and how it could build a bridge between communities.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

A. Assistant and Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports:

Todd Allen reported that Superintendent Morse was in Washington DC being honored for the Superintendent of the Year. He mentioned that Friday's weather has potential to be a factor. One of the ways the school cancellations/delays are announced are through the Powerschool Messenger System. Todd encouraged parents to check the parent portal to make sure information is updated to receive announcements.

Todd reported that the follow up to the visioning system will be on Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Middle School. The architect and the team will be presenting their findings and Todd encouraged people to attend.

Appointment of Orchard Drive Conservation Committee: Superintendent Morse is recommending the forming of an Orchard Drive Conservation Committee. Todd Allen reported that Superintendent Morse has spoken to Dennis Meadows who is willing to serve on the conservation committee as well as Malin Clyde who serves on the Sea Land Conservation Committee. They have reached out to Ellen Snyder of the Durham Land Policy Committee to see if she is willing to serve as well.

Kenny Rotner moved for the School Board to approve a committee to look at the Orchard Drive property and the concept of putting it into conservatorship, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner and Al Howland both volunteered to serve on this Committee as Board representatives.

Denise Day asked about a timeframe on how long the process would take. Al Howland suggested having the committee meet and establish the process.

B. Superintendent's Report: None

C Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report:

Student Representative Patty Anderson reported that Street Car Named Desire will be performed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the high school. There is a Career Development Program going on during flex time for 10th and 11th graders. There will be a mental health forum at the high school on November 29th. Patty also mentioned that college visits will continue through December.

E: Other:

Influence of Technology on the Academic Program in the District:

Niko Viens, MS Tech Integrator, Kristen Hughes Asst. Technology Practitioner, Celeste Best, HS Science, Susan Leifer Mast Way Integrator, and Sarah Curtin Moharimet Tech Integrator presented how technology is impacted in the District.

Niko and Kristen described how Nearpod works in the classroom. This tool allows them to monitor the student's engagement while teaching. She discussed the components of the International Society for Technology Standards and ways that it has impacted the District:

Empowered learners: Technology to allow all learners to express their knowledge.

Digital Citizenship: Understanding the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world.

Knowledge Constructor: Critically select, evaluate and synthesize digital resources into a collection that reflects learning and builds knowledge.

Innovative Designer: Solving problems by creating new and imaginative solutions using a variety of digital tools.

Computational thinker: Identifying authentic problems, working with data and using a step-by-step process to automate solutions.

Creative Communicator: Communicate effectively and creatively using different tools, styles, formats and digital media.

Global Collaborators: Work effectively in teams using digital tools.

Celeste Best, High School Science Teacher, explained that the addition of the technology carts that were previously at the middle school is allowing for more opportunities for blended learning at the high school:

Susan Leifer and Sarah Curtin talked about Technology in Elementary Schools: They showed a video giving a demonstration of technology in use at the elementary schools that include:

Digital Storytelling
Augmented Reality
Computational Thinking
Debugging
Block Coding
Science Mondays with UNH

They brought with them some tools that they use for the members of the School Board to have a hands-on experience. As integrators they are working and collaborating with teachers on how to include technology into their curriculum. Todd Allen mentioned that this shows how valuable the Tech Integrator positions are and at some point, there will be a conversation about adding one at the high school.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Board discussion of the 2019-2020 budget to generate questions for the December 5th meeting:

Todd Allen mentioned that the Board will be meeting on the 28th and if you need any more information to please let Sue Caswell know.

Denise Day spoke about the proposed counselor position at the high school. If there isn't funding for a full-time position, would a half position work as a first step? Al Howland feels that a full-time counselor is important. Brian Cisneros would like to look at the Barrington revenue to see if the proposed Special Education and Counselor positions can be funded. Kenny Rotner feels that the job of counselors has changed over the years and he supports the addition of a full-time position.

The Board discussed the loss of revenue due to water bottles being removed from the elementary schools. Kenny Rotner feels that we need to eliminate the plastic bottles from the schools and to find other revenue. Years ago, recycling plastic could be a revenue source but now, it's costing money to recycle these bottles. There is \$20K for Green Team funding each year. The Board asked what they are currently working on.

Michael Williams asked how additional funding for all day kindergarten flows from the state and would like to get a better understanding of the process.

VIII. ACTIONS:

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to approve list of Policies for a first reading:

JLF - Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect

IKFC - Alternative Diploma for Students with Cognitive Disabilities

ILD - Non-educational/Non-Academic Questionnaires, Surveys and Research

Denise Day moved to approve the above Policies for a first reading, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

The revisions on Policy JLF and IKFC are being driven by state law. Catherine Plourde and Todd Allen discussed that staff is informed and trained on being a mandatory reporter in Policy JLF.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. Manifest Reviewed and Approved by Manifest Subcommittee:

Revised Vendor Manifest #10: \$921,194.29

Vendor Manifest #11: \$89,181.52

Denis Day reported that the Long Range Planning Committee will be meeting on Monday the 19th. They will have more updated information after the meeting. Lisa Allison will present her findings at an upcoming Board meeting.

Al Howland mentioned that the Wellness Committee met to review progress on the sub committees. They reviewed the Wellness Policy and made some revisions and changes and forwarded it to the Policy Committee.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS:

A. Future Meeting Dates:

11/28/18 Manifest/Budget Workshop – ORHS Library

12/5/18 Regular Board Meeting at **Mast Way**

12/19/18 Regular Board Meeting ORHS Library

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

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary