

**Oyster River School Board  
Regular Meeting**

**January 15, 2014**

**6:30 pm**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Maria Barth, Tom Newkirk, Ed Charle, Ann Lane, Kenny Rotner, Megan Turnbull, Al Howland, and Student Representative Peter Zwart

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Jim Morse, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Dennis Harrington, Carrie Vaich

There were four members of the public present

**I CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 pm:** Maria Barth called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm to review manifests.

**II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Megan Turnbull made a statement: I Megan Turnbull, Oyster River School Board Member, understand that her email can be understood as contrary to the Right to Know Law.

Superintendent Morse has announced that David Taylor has withdrawn his petition of contempt against the Oyster River School Board.

**III PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dean Rubine of Lee spoke on the Moharimet Warrant Article to build two classrooms. He is not in favor of this proposal because by the time it would be paid off they would have 160 less students in the school.

Lindsay Rains of Madbury spoke in favor of a Resource Officer at the Moharimet School. She would like a committee to study safety in schools and best practices.

**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1/8/14: Kenny Rotner moved to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Kenny Rotner withdrew his motion.** This will be on the next agenda for approval.

## **V ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMENDATIONS**

**District:** Todd Allen announced that mid-terms are next week at the high school and the schedule is available online. He also noted that ING has awarded Celeste Best, a teacher at the high school, the Unsung Hero award and received a \$2,000 grant. Congratulations to Celeste. Dongnon Guo, a student at Oyster River, who is an inventor, has acquired his fourth patent. He is donating the award which is 10,000 yen to the high school.

**Al Howland moved to accept Shirley Thompson's gift to the District with gratitude and thanks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way mentioned that January 24<sup>th</sup> will begin the process of interviewing interns for the schools. The PTO will be hosting several upcoming events including hosting skating at Jackson Landing. They also host a monthly parents' night out. January 30<sup>th</sup> will be the third grade heritage dinner.

Dennis Harrington of Moharimet announced that they have the Winter Carnival in February.

**Board:** None

## **VI DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: PTO**

**Update:** Carolyn Eastman gave an update on the PTO's. The discussion was focused on the new progress reports. K-5 will be using true standards based progress reports using numbers 1, 2, and 3. This is in an online format. She applauded the K-5 teachers for their efforts and for working in a new format. The first progress report will come out January 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be sending home to K-5 parents an id, and password, along with instructions. There will be support provided to them to help them if it is needed.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Morse discussed the Distinguished Service award. This award is nominated by the Administrative Team. The

nominee is Amarda Geiger. There is an opportunity for the Board to make a nomination later in the agenda.

Ann Lane discussed the Spanish and French program at the high school. Todd Allen reported that there are 5 students in Spanish V and 14 in AP Spanish. There are 13 students in French V and 8 students in AP French. Ann Lane would like to learn what the interest in a classic language such as Latin being offered as an offering.

The Board had an in-depth program regarding the World Language Program in the District.

Superintendent Morse is recommending that the World Language Report at the elementary level that was done previously be resurrected.

**Business Administrator's Report:**

**Budget Update:** Business Administrator Sue Caswell is expecting a fund balance at the end of the year but won't know the amount until later in the year.

**Student Senate Report:** Student Representative Peter Zwart reported that they are continuing to work on their upcoming fund raiser. They will be selling flowers for a Valentine's Day Fundraiser.

**VII DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Morse is recommending that this current Board do the evaluation rather than waiting for the new Board. There is a nonpublic meeting at the end of the agenda on Superintendents evaluation.

**VIII ACTIONS**

**A Superintendent Actions: Ann Lane moved to approve the distinguished Award Recipient Amarda Geiger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to Adopt the FY15 School Budget: Al Howland moved to adopt the FY15 School Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk.**

After a lengthy discussion, **Megan Turnbull moved to add \$50k for additional SROs in the District at the discretion of the Superintendent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Megan Turnbull withdrew her motion.**

**The motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to approve the default budget: Al Howland moved to approve the default budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Warrant Articles:**

**Tom Newkirk moved to remove warrant article five, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Barth. Motion passed 6-1 with Megan Turnbull opposing. The Student Representative voted in favor of this motion.**

**Motion to approve warrant articles:**

**Ann Lane moved to approve Warrant Article 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Kenny Rotner recusing and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Ann Lane moved to approve Warrant Articles 1,2,4,5,6,7 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner with the understanding that Article 5 has been deleted and that articles 6,7,8 have been moved to 5,6,7. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Assign Presentation of Warrant Articles:**

Articles 1 and 2: Ed Charle  
Article 3: Tom Newkirk  
Articles 4 and 5 (old 6): Ann Lane  
Article 6 (old 7): Kenny Rotner  
Article 7 (old 8): Al Howland

**Motion to approve MS26: Kenny Rotner moved to approve MS26, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

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**Motion to delete Policy BDE-Committees and Delegates as it will be included within Policy BBAA – School Member Authority: Al Howland moved to delete Policy BDE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Ann Lane updated the Board on numerous legislative updates that are currently in the house.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Denise Day of Durham spoke and wishes that the Board had some of these discussions before the public hearing last evening.

David Taylor spoke and noted that any monetary changes of the Articles will violate the RSA. He suggested that the Board make a motion during the Deliberative Session.

**Kenny Rotner moved to delay the nonpublic meeting of the Superintendent Evaluation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Kenny Rotner withdrew his motion.**

**Ann Lane moved to add a meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> to review manifests and Superintendent Evaluations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**Future Meeting Dates: Regular meetings January 29, February 19, and March 5th.**

**Ann Lane moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary