

**Oyster River Cooperative District**  
**Regular Meeting (REVISED 1/21/15)**

January 7, 2015

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**SCHOOL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Newkirk, Maria Barth, Ed Charle, Al Howland, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Not Present: Student Representative Maegan Doody

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Superintendent Morse, Sue Caswell, Dennis Harrington, Todd Allen, and Carolyn Eastman

There were two members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** At 6:30 p.m. for manifest review/approval at each school board meeting.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**III. APPROVAL of Minutes: Al Howland moved to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup> minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner.** December 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Revisions: Page 2 replace “changed” with “change”. Page 2 Paragraph 8 insert “participated” after Sarah Farwell. Page 6 last paragraph insert “Superintendent’s Evaluation” before 8:35 p.m. **The motion passed with the above revisions 7-0.**

**Al Howland moved to approve the nonpublic minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Revisions: Maria Barth moved to add in “Staff survey input was discussed and Al Howland was asked by the Board to write the draft of the Superintendent’s evaluation.” 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Farwell.** The Board had a discussion on how much to have in the nonpublic minutes and Maria Barth moved to postpone action on the motion until there could be further input from counsel, **2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0. The last two paragraphs in the nonpublic session should be moved to the public session.**

**Approval of Manifests:**

Vendor Manifest #14: \$767,806.02

Payroll Manifest #14: \$1,153,742.11 and #15: \$822,896.42

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:**

**District:** Dennis Harrington of Moharimet recognized Don Martin who is the head custodian at Moharimet. He has been here for about a year and will be leaving at the end of the week. He has made a significant difference in the well-being of the school.

High School Principal Todd Allen commended Patrick O'Brien, Cross Country Runner of the year, and Maegan Doody, Runner of the Year. The Poetry out Loud competition is next week. It's a lot of fun to see.

Todd also mentioned that the Middle School was rated fourth for middle schools in the state by Niche.com.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported the enrichment committee theme of Kindness will be used by taking part in the bobcat challenge for the last week of January to show acts of kindness and how it makes a difference in people's worlds every day. There is a PTO meeting tomorrow.

Superintendent Morse reported that Mast Way was rated the fifth best elementary school in the state and Moharimet was rated sixth by Niche.com

**Board:** Denise Day acknowledged Greg Gephart for his coaching of the Cross Country Team.

Kenny Rotner mentioned that the high school holiday concert performances were amazing. Congratulations to the students and the teachers. Tomorrow evening is a community dinner at the high school followed by the movie Fed Up will be shown in the auditorium.

#### **V. DISTRICT REPORTS:**

Carolyn Eastman updated the Board on the various committees that the staff is working on.

Superintendent's Report: They have begun the public conversation about the budget. They had a meeting in Lee on Monday evening. There were good questions about the athletic fields. Monday is a meeting with the Town of Durham and next Wednesday is the official public meeting. On January 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting in Madbury.

**Business Administrator:** None

**Student Senate Report:** None

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Assignment Presentation of Warrant Articles:**

Article Three: Kenny Rotner

Article Four: Denise Day

Article Five: Ed Charle

Article Six Al Howland

Article 7 Tom Newkirk

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award: Sarah Farwell

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above assignments of Warrant Articles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Maria Barth moved to remove “surplus” in Article 6 and to also remove in the explanation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0.**

**Kenny Rotner moved to strike on article 3 “and to determine the term and rate of interest thereon”, 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.**

**Sarah Farwell moved on Article 3 to remove “8 lane”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0.**

**Default Budget:** Sue Caswell reviewed the Default Budget. The default budget is only on the Fund 10 operating budget. Fund 21 and Fund 22 are not affected.

**Kenny Rotner moved to add in Warrant Article 7 Explanation: default budget only replaces Fund 10 the Operating Budget. There was no second to the motion.**

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve \$38,858,410 as the default budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** There will be two public hearings next week, a bond hearing and a budget hearing.

## **VII. ACTIONS**

**Motion to approve ORHS Overnight Field Trip: Denise Day moved to approve the overnight field trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland Motion approved 7-0.**

**First Read Policy Student Computer and Internet Use Policy JICL: Al Howland moved to approve Policy JICL for a first reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.**

## **VIII. School Board Committee Updates:**

Maria Barth mentioned that the Policy Committee met today and had a long discussion on The Search of Students policy. This will be coming to the Board at the next meeting for a first reading.

Ed Charle reported that the Sustainability Committee will have a meeting next Monday at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dean Rubine from Lee noted that the School Board elections are coming up and the filing dates are coming up.

David Taylor of Durham mentioned that the policy on computer use was not available to the public. The detail of nonpublic meetings have to record all actions and all subjects discussed.

## **X. CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**A Future Meeting Dates:** 1/21 and 2/11 Regular Meetings  
1/12 Town Budget Forum Durham Town Hall  
1/14 Public Bond and Budget Hearing  
1/19 Town Budget Forum Madbury Town Hall

**Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Superintendent's Evaluation 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.**

**Kenny Rotner made a motion to enter public session at 9:38 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Motion made to adjourn at 9:39 PM by Maria Barth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary