

Oyster River Cooperative School District

August 2, 2017

Oyster River High School

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Denise Day, Dan Klein, Kenny Rotner, Brian Cisneros, Tom Newkirk, and Al Howland Not Present: Michael Williams
Student Representative: H. Wilson not present

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, David Goldsmith

There was one member of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER:

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest #1A: \$923.53
Payroll Manifest #2:362,829.49
Vendor Manifest #30: \$116,306.13
Vendor Manifest #2: \$705,958.83

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Denise Day moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion approved 6-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine from Lee commented that the online registration does not seem to work with Chrome but other browsers work okay.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve July 19, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes:

Denise Day moved to approve the July 19th minutes with the following revisions, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 6-0.

Revisions:

Page 7 Insert 4: “Denise Day suggested changing the wording in May/June the recommended implementation plans for 2018-19 will be made and shared with the School Board for approval. Final plan will be shared with parent community”.

Page 7: Tom Newkirk noted that there was no student survey on the schedule and was assured that there would be a student survey.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

A. District: None

B. Board:

Kenny Rotner mentioned his appreciation for the free lunch program at the middle school that is being offered this summer. This program is open to all students. When school is not in session, this program is a huge help.

VI. DISTRICT REPORT:

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction Report: None

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Morse reported that the new start times at the schools are as follows:

High School/Middle School 8:15 – 3:05. The buses will drop off at 7:55 and pick up at 3:10. Elementary Schools 8:55 – 3:10. The buses will drop off at 8:45 and pick up at 3:15. Lisa Huppe is putting the finishing touches on the bus schedule.

Superintendent Morse emphasized that anytime we start a new school year there will be adjustments for the first couple of days. He reminded the Board that the afternoon bus runs will be grades K-12. He is meeting with the administrative team next week and going over goals, strategic planning and busing.

He attended a meeting with Doris Demers about a farm to school initiative at UNH. The culture programs at UNH has committed to providing farm fresh vegetables all year long.

The Facilities Committee met and they invited seven people to join the Superintendents' Facilities Committee. The proposed Committee Members are:

Art Guadano - Durham
Doug Bencks - Durham/UNH
Martha Gooze - Durham
Julie Reece - Lee
Dawn Genes - Lee
Rob McEwan - Madbury
Dave Garvey - Madbury

They also invited the following additional committee members:

Kenny Rotner - Durham Town Council/School Board
Scott Bugbee - Lee Select Board
Jay Moriarty - Madbury Select Board

Tom Newkirk Board Chair- Ex-officio (non-voting unless one member absent)
Dan Klein School Board Member
Michael Williams School Board Member

Dr. James Morse Superintendent
Sue Caswell Business Administrator
Jay Richard ORMS Principal

Superintendent Morse informed the Board that he and Jay Richard will also be working with the Middle School staff.

Denise Day moved to accept the above facilities committee members as presented, 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report: None

E. Other: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Price Increase Child Nutrition School Lunch Program:

According to the Federal Lunch Equity form we must increase prices to meet the average of \$2.86. Federal reimbursement rates have not been released to the public at this time.

Current Meal Prices:

Grade	Breakfast	Lunch	Milk
K-4	\$1.25	\$2.60	.50
5-8	\$1.25	\$2.85	.50
9-12	\$1.50	\$3.10	.50

Proposed Price Increases:

Grade	Breakfast	Lunch	Milk
K-4	\$1.25	\$2.65	.50
5-8	\$1.25	\$2.90	.50
9-12	\$1.50	\$3.15	.50

Al Howland moved to accept the above proposed School Lunch Program increases 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 6-0.

2018 Budget Goal:

Tom Newkirk discussed what potential major budget drivers might be in planning the 2018-19 budget:

Estimate what health care costs would be.

Is there going to be a major facilities increase?

Denise Day asked for an update on the expendable trust fund.

Kenny Rotner asked if there are any costs that will be incurred with the middle school discussion. He also asked if there are any revenue sources coming in to be considered. Superintendent Morse noted that the Title I funding has been going down every year.

The state will be giving \$1,100 more per kindergarten student next year, but that revenue will be going to the towns directly.

One item for consideration is trying to anticipate potential additional positions that might be needed. Superintendent Morse feels that the needs at the elementary schools and the middle schools will be flat. The World Language Program and whatever Special Education needs are may be the only areas that may arise unless there are any unanticipated spikes in enrollment. Al Howland agreed that this is a year to hold the line on new positions. Todd Allen noted that there are 138 students enrolled from Barrington in the fall. He would expect that number to go up 10 to 15 students at the most be that has not been discussed in detail as of yet.

Board Goal #8 Strategic Plan Details:

John Kennedy of (NESDEC) New England School Development Council spoke to the Board and presented their proposal to the District:

Their proposal is to provide consulting services for the development and facilitation of a strategic planning process.

This is a two year contract:

Phase One is to assist in identifying roles and in the development of planning process schedule, develop a demographic abstract, develop a profile of the present state of the district, conduct a stakeholder needs assessment and analysis of stakeholder input and report of strategic plan steering committee.

Phase Two 2018-19: Assist in the development of goal attainment strategies and indicators of progress, the strategic plan action framework, the conduct of the study, and timeline for the study

He commented that they have done work with several districts in the past few years. They are completing a contract in Dover and have recently worked with Sunapee. Kenny Rotner asked if there is a team assigned to the District. He replied that there a lead consultant and a team that would be involved with various parts of the process. They are in frequent communication with the Superintendent and the Leadership Team.

The costs are based on the involvement of the team \$10,342 for each year. The additional scope would be at \$195 per hour if they exceed the scope of the contract.

Superintendent Morse mentioned that this proposal is based on smaller groups coming together to help us form the next five years of the plan. The strategic tools have been an amazing way to communicate with our parents and the community. This will help us to build something substantive to use in the next five years.

Kenny Rotner noted that the last strategic plan started during a turmoil period in the community and this next five year plan the District is in a much better place.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Actions: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to affirm the hiring of the Moharimet Teacher: Kenny Rotner moved to affirm the hiring of Katherine Ray for Grade 3 at Moharimet 2nd by Brian Cisneros. Motion passed 6-0.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Denise Day reported that the Long Range Planning Committee has a tentative meeting set up on August 30 and taking a look a planning for the fall.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dean Rubine from Lee would like to hear a report on the Barrington tuition.

Tom Newkirk reported that beginning in the first meeting in September they will need to rotate in two more Board members for the Manifest Review.

Committee. Dan Klein and Tom Newkirk volunteered to the Manifest Review for the next six months. Brian Cisneros will serve as an alternative to the Manifest Review.

XI. CLOSING ACTIONS

A. Future Meeting Dates:

8/16 Regular meeting at the ORHS Library

8/30 Manifest Review at ORHS

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

NON-MEETING SESSION: RSA 91-A2 {If Needed}

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Al Howland moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary