Oyster River Cooperative School Board

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

October 7, 2013 ORMS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Tom Merrick,
Lorna Jacobsen, David Taylor, Jennifer DeStefano, Katrin Kasper, Robert Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

We reviewed the preliminary October 1 enrollment numbers and the draft run of the enrollment projections using that census and up to date births figures from the New Hampshire Department of State.

Given the likelihood that the School Board will deal with the uneven distribution of students between Mast Way and Moharimet before the next school year opens, we decided to forecast enrollment at both schools using separately calculated grade progression ratios for each school, which differs from our prior methodology. This will highlight the possible extent of the enrollment differential if no change is made.

We reviewed preliminary projections for High School enrollment without Barrington through the year 2025. Larger cohorts in Middle School now drive High School projections up by about 50 students over 5 years, however the pattern still shows a steady decline in the last 6 years of the projections, back to the current level of 606 in 2024 and below 600 in 2025.

Instead of backcasting and average error of estimate, we will look at historical High School predictions vs. actual and also grade progression ratio variations for developing a range around the projections.

Jen DeStefano and Lorna Jacobsen will look into the impact of changes in the real estate market on district enrollment.

Lisa Allison will re-run the projections with the changes outlined above and prepare a draft board presentation for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 16 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair