Oyster River Cooperative School Board Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

October 5, 2015 ORHS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Robert Mohr, David Taylor, Rob McEwan, Marie O'Neill, Katrin Kasper, Michael Goldberg School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

We reviewed a comparison of October 1 and Day 1 enrollment. The changes were minimal. Births for the 12 months ending September 30 are not yet available. When they do become available, Michael Goldberg will update the regression coefficients and we will be able to run the ten-year enrollment projection model.

We discussed how we will project High School tuition students going forward. We decided to use Todd Allen's projection for 2016-17, and thereafter to assume a 20% annual increase in total tuition students (the maximum increase allowed in the contract), but with the number of freshmen tuition students capped at 50. After freshman year, we will use grade progression ratios to project the progress of each tuition student cohort through the High School.

We reviewed the methodology the LRPC has been using for calculating the average error of estimate. Surprisingly, ten years ago, our estimate for the district's total enrollment in the 2015-16 school year was 2,077 students, just 1% over the actual of 2,055 on October 1. Of course, not all our predictions have been that close! We decided to use the same methodology we have been using to calculate the average error of estimate.

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday October 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM. At that meeting we will review a draft of the ten year enrollment projection.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair