

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Regular Meeting

September 4, 2013

6:30 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Maria Barth, Tom Newkirk, Kenny Rotner, Megan Turnbull, Ed Charle, Ann Lane, Al Howland and Student Representative Ryan Carrigan

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent James Morse, Susan Caswell, Dennis Harrington, Jay Richard, Carrie Vaich

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were four members of the public present for this evenings meeting.

I CALL TO ORDER : 6:30 pm. For manifest review/approval

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 8/14/13 and 8/21/13 minutes

Al Howland moved to approve the minutes 8/14, 8/21, and 8/28, 2nd by Ann Lane.

Revisions: 8/21 remove the name of the first grade teacher hired.

Motion approved 6-1-0 with Megan Turnbull abstaining and the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Manifest #6: \$151,730/14

Payroll Manifest #5: \$218,846.10

V ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

District: Carolyn Eastman commended the Principals for a great and well planned opening of the school year.

Todd Allen commended the custodial staff for all their hard work for a great opening of school. He also commended the IT department for their upgrades over the summer.

Jay Richard noted that it was a seamless opening at the Middle School this year. The maintenance staff did a great job.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way noted that they had a great opening. The custodial staff did an amazing job. The back parking lot and basketball court was paved and looks great.

Superintendent Morse also thanked the Transportation Department and the Food Service Department for a great job.

Board: Ann Lane thanked the IT Team for the upgrades in the District. She also thanked the Superintendent and his Leadership Team for their energy and effort that they demonstrate.

Kenny Rotner noted that the buildings look great and thanked all those involved in getting them ready. He thanked the voters in their District for all their support in education. Kenny also thanked all those involved with the Strategic Plan and that this will help the district.

He also apologized for holding tonight's meeting on a high holy day in the Jewish Religion.

VI DISTRICT REPORTS

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction:

Curriculum Update: Carolyn Eastman updated the Board on Atlas Training. She commended the team that was with her on Friday and they came out with a perspective on how Atlas will be used in the District. They are trying to meet the needs of all the students in the District. There are tools such as Star in place to ensure that all students are making strides and continuing to grow.

B Superintendent's Report: Unofficial enrollment for beginning of year:

Mast Way:	287 Students
Kindergarten	41

Grade 1	63
Grade 2	49
Grade 3	74
Grade 4	60

Moharimet:	409 Students
Kindergarten	56
Grade 1	91
Grade 2	91
Grade 3	79
Grade 4	92

Middle School:	684 Students
Grade 5	172
Grade 6	176
Grade 7	161
Grade 8	175

High School:	680 Students
Grade 9	186
Grade 10	147
Grade 11	181
Grade 12	166

Total Students: 2060

Superintendent Morse has added a meeting on October 23rd. One of the issues that will be discussed is the distribution of the elementary school students moving forward.

Status of ORHC OCR Complaint: There was a resolution of the complaint against ORCD alleging discrimination on the basis of sex. Specifically, the complainant alleges that the District does not provide equal athletic opportunities to its female athletes at the high school in the areas of provision of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities.

Budget Update: Susan Caswell reported that the total fund balance is \$1,097,714. They will retain \$500,000 and return the difference to the District for taxpayer relief.

Student Senate Report: Ryan Carrigan reported that they are working on spirit week and upcoming events.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Motion to release privileged attorney-client communications: Attorney right to know law. The Board had a discussion on the releasing of privileged attorney-client communications. There will be a motion under the action items portion of the meeting.

Draft Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Goals:

The ORCSD 2014-15 budget will not exceed the cost of living as established by US Government for 2013. Health insurance, negotiated contracts and state cost sifts/mandate not subject to COLA

Class size will be in accordance to Policy IIB in order to meet the needs of students both for acceleration and remediation.

Program growth/staff growth will be analyzed before adding new staff or programs to the 2014-15 proposed budget to determine if needs can be met by reassignment of staff, reassignment of funds, and/or retirement savings.

Tuition funds will be used to maintain and enhance programs, offset capital costs and to lower tax impact on District taxpayers.

The 2014-15 budget will support state and local standards to create a predictable cycle a resource acquisition and provide assessments that provide common reports to staff community and parents.

The proposed 2014-15 budget will account for unique costs associated with the equalization of students, implementation of common core, the draft strategic plan and proposed technology plan.

The Board had a discussion with the Superintendent and the Business Administrator on these proposed goals. He will bring them back at the next meeting to be voted on.

ABC Charge and change in membership: They have been looking to fill open positions in this committee. There are currently five members on the Board and they are willing to work on behalf of the Board. Superintendent's Morse recommendation is to go to the original charge of 5-9 members.

Al Howland made a motion to adopt the revised charge of the ABC Committee, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ann Lane moved to release attorney client privileged information and associated materials, 2nd by Tom Newkirk. Motion approved 7-0 with the student representative voting in the affirmative.

Al Howland moved to affirm the hiring of the Moharimet Grade one teaching position, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Appointment of SRO and Truant Officers:

School Resource Office ORHS/MS: Officer Ed Levesque BOY-February 2014
Officer Holly Malasky February – EOY

Truant Officer Mast Way School: Sergeant Brian Huppe
Truant Officer Moharimet School: Chief Joseph McGann

Al Howland moved to approve the above SRO and Truant Officer nominations, 2nd by Ann Lane.

Motion to approve ORMS Maternity LOA from October 2013 – December 2013: Al Howland moved to approve a ORMS Maternity LOA from October

2013 – December 2013, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Oyster River Coaching Nominations:

ORHS Volunteer Positions:

Zach Daly	Golf Teams
Emma Wilson	Cross Country
Josh Goodrich	Boys Varsity Soccer
Leslie Sarno	Girls Varsity Soccer
Kayla Waldron	Unified Soccer Coach

ORHS Paid Positions:

Sarah Richards	Girls JV Field Hockey	\$2,556
Daniel Watson	Boys Reserve Soccer	\$1,957
Michelle Crothers	Girls JV Soccer	\$1,278

ORMS Paid Position:

Jen Snow	Girls Soccer	\$1,919
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Al Howland moved to approve the above coaching nominations in the District, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve ORCSD Handbooks: This has been moved to the next meeting.

Motion to sign the DOE 25/MS25: Sue Caswell detailed the DOE-25 and the MS-25. These both require the Board's signature. This action does not require a signature.

Sue Caswell also detailed the Budget Process Calendar for the Budget Year 2014-2015 with the Board.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Kenny Rotner: The academic part of the strategic planning committee has a couple of meeting schedules.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Denise Day of Durham mentioned enrollment projections and the implication of tuition students. She is concerned that if Newmarket students get tuitioned in then the high school numbers may be high.

CLOSING ACTIONS:

Future Meeting Dates: 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23

NONMEETING:

Kenny Rotner will be recusing himself from the nonmeeting.

Al Howland moved to adjourn into a nonmeeting, 2nd by Ann Lane. The motion passed 6-1-0 with Kenny Rotner abstaining.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary