

Oyster River Cooperative School District

REVISED

January 6, 2016

ORHS Library

6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Maria Barth, Dan Klein and Student Representative: Caroline Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Jay Richard, Mike McCann, Carrie Vaich, and Catherine Plourde

There were 5 members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER by Tom Newkirk 6:30 – 7:00 Manifest Review

The Board thanked Alexander Taylor for the School Board's new set up for their meetings.

Tom Newkirk declared a public hearing on the new videotaping law. Superintendent Morse reported that it has been determined that they do not need a new policy on the new videotaping law. A law was recently enacted by the State Legislature that concerns the videotaping of all school activities. This law requires the prior consent of all those who are to be videotaped, including teachers, other staff and students. It also requires a public hearing to be held in order to allow the community to weigh in on the school district's response to this law.

It has become apparent that the law, which was written primarily to prevent the unauthorized videotaping of teachers and using the videotape in an evaluative manner, has had unintended consequences and will most likely be revised in the near future.

We have been given advice by our attorneys and this matter was discussed at length at a Policy Committee Meeting. It is felt that our current policy of not videotaping staff members or students without their permission already meets the requirements set forward in this law. We will continue this practice until further clarification is provided. Tom Newkirk opening this hearing up for public comments. Hearing none this public hearing is now closed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dean Rubine of Lee talked about Madbury and that their valuation lowered by 3.6%

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 16, 2015: Denise Day moved to approve the December 16th minutes, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Payroll Manifest# 14: \$1,230,258.70

Payroll Manifest 14A: \$3,498.69

Vendor Manifests #15: \$698,816.98

Payroll Manifests #15: \$862,282.69

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMENDATIONS

A. District: Jay Richard of the Middle School commended Diane Marquis and Chris Ferry who organized the Middle School Ski Club. They do a great job. He is hoping to have a forum in February to talk about standards based and competency based learning.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way announced that the PTO is holding a Vocabularyathon fund raiser for the playground. Information will be going home on January 11th in the school backpacks. January 16th 1-3 PM Safety Complex celebrating Lee's 250th birthday. There is a lot of things planned in the year for the town.

Mike McCann reported that the High School is wrapping up the semester and midterms will be January 19-22. The marketing students are working on the school store, The Bobcat Corner. This is allowing them to get hands on learning with business. On March 2nd, the SATs will be given to all Juniors. More information will be coming out as the time get closer.

B. Board: Denise Day was impressed with the student's holiday story and drawing contests in Fosters.

Maria Barth was very impressed with Corey Parkers presentation on how the athletes are checked on. She is wondering if the other 25% of students who are not in athletics can be checked on as well.

Kenny Rotner thanked everyone who put together Martin Brewer's Celebration of Life Gathering.

Tom Newkirk commended Superintendent Morse for a great job at the Town Budget Forum in Madbury on Monday evening.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report: Todd Allen reported that there is a lot of work taking place at the middle school on standards based reporting. Everyone has been very welcoming in the District as he begins his new position.

He gave a quick update on the fields committee. The work of the Fields Ad Hoc Committee is coming to a close. They are creating a fact brochure and some basic communications going into weekly updates. Once the awareness piece is done then the citizens group, "Go Vote" is taking over the political side of the process.

B. Superintendents Report: Superintendent Morse noted that there are two meetings next week: Full day Kindergarten Forum on January 12th. This has been a very comprehensive effort in getting out the information to the public.

This forum will be videotaped for parents who are unable to make the meeting so that it will be available to them.

January 13th Public Bond and Budget Hearing Presentation.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report: Caroline Wilson reported that since midterms and finals are coming up Student Senate activities have been put on hold.

E. Other: Wellness Committee: Drug and Alcohol Presentation:

School Board Goal: Improve efforts related to Student Wellness and Mental Health

Mental Health Committee Members:

Todd Allen	Assistant Superintendent
Heather Machanoff	Counseling Director
Jason Baker	School Counselor
Rob Quaglieri	Health Teacher
Carina Dolcino	School Counselor
Brenda Tirrell	School Counselor
Felicia Sperry	School Psychologist
Dagmar Lamberts	Special Ed Counselor
Joe Saxe	School Psychologist
Jean Wons	School Counselor
JoAn Saxe	School Counselor

Paula Roy	School Counselor
David Geschwendt	School Psychologist
Holly Pirtle	Health Teacher

ORCSD: What We Know:

Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013 Data:

Students reported using alcohol, marijuana and prescription medications at a similar rate to the state average.

Students reported feeling depressed and/or anxious at a similar rate to the state average.

Issues that warrant monitoring include:

- Access to illegal substances
- Heroin epidemic across the region
- Synthetic drugs
- Vaping
- Binge drinking
- Access to prescription medications

Grades K-4:

- Decision Making
- Self-Esteem
- Feelings
- Refusal Skills
- Safety Rules
- Problem Solving
- Healthy Risk Taking
- Healthy Choices
- Special Programming: SASS, TIGER, Bucket, Filling etc.

Grades 5-8:

- Tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, synthetic drugs education
- Refusal skills, role play, and strategies that fit your style
- Benefits of being drug free
- Stress management
- Addiction, tolerance, and withdrawal
- Dangers of binge drinking
- Drug and alcohol laws
- Substance abuse and sexual activity
- Suicide awareness and prevention including how to help a friend ACT

Understanding feelings
Anger management/conflict resolution
Access to a peer mediation programming
Bullyproofing/power of the bystander
Cyber safety
Fostering a sense of belonging
Understanding diversity and practicing tolerance
Building mentoring relationships.

Grades 9-12:

Decision making and choices of using drugs
Physical, social and emotional effects
Drug use and pregnancy, effect on the fetus
Effects of drug use on the body
Cost of drug use
Dependency vs Addiction
How to seek help for oneself and advocate for others
Support groups
Driving impaired
Dating and alcohol
Prescription and over the counter
Heroin education
Marijuana and legality issues
Vaping and spice education
Discussion based courses: Psychology, Sociology, Debate, Anatomy etc.

NH Commissioner of Education

Top Five Recommendations to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse:

1. Talk about the issue clearly and consistently
2. Provide formal, effective prevention education early and often
3. Gather information about substance use and perceptions and behaviors regularly
4. Provide early identification, referral and support services
5. Implement an effective alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy

The Board asked about what intervention is in place for students who are not in athletics to help them with academic support. Heather responded that School Counselors will meet with the students to help provide them with the tools and support that they need.

Katherine Moore from the Wellness Committee reviewed the federal mandates with the Board.

Maria Barth moved to Approve the Wellness Committee Report and the charges contained therein, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Corrected Warrant Articles

Article 7: It was moved and seconded at the previous meeting.

Article 7 explanation: The Board had a discussion on how the wording of this Article should read.

Kenny Rotner moved to have the article read: “This article asks voters to approve establishing a fund to provide the District with a way to assist students who live at or below poverty level as defined by the free and reduced price lunch program. It is recognized that there are currently students in our District who are unable to afford the purchase of important technology. Funds from the proceeds of the sale of used or outdated technology equipment will be utilized to provide this needed technology. The amount in this fund is to be capped at \$2,000, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Assign Presentation of Warrant Articles: The Board members will present the following Warrant Articles:

Warrant Article 3 - Al Howland

Warrant Article 4 - Dan Klein

Warrant Article 5 - Kenny Rotner

Warrant Article 6 - Sarah Farwell

Warrant Article 7 - Maria Barth

Warrant Article 8 - Tom Newkirk

Denise Day will present the Distinguished Service Award

Maria Barth moved to approve the above presentation of Warrant Articles, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

The Board had a discussion on the proposed resolutions to NHSBA at the upcoming meeting. No motion is necessary.

Nomination of Coaches:

Volunteer Coaches:

Scott Masi	Ski Team
Derek Hubbard	Boys Hockey
Andrea Biniszkiwicz	MS Cheer Club
Sue Jackson	MS Cheer Club
Leslie Gelsomini	Girls Hockey
Scott Barton	Girls Hockey
Kim Strout	Wrestling

Paid Positions:

Sunny Sadana	Boys 7 th Grade Basketball	\$1,957
Dave Geschwendt	Girls 7 th Grade Basketball	\$1,957
Nate Grove	Girls 8 th Grade Basketball	\$2,332
Jason Duff	Boys 8 th Grade Basketball	\$1,957

Denise Day moved to approve the above slate of Coaches and volunteers, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve Policy JLCF: Denise Day moved to approve Policy JLCF for adoption, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

VIII. School Board Committee Updates:

Al Howland reported that the Communications Committee reviewed updates of the power point presentation for all-day kindergarten. There was also a discussion on the start times. This will be placed on the agenda at the next Board meeting to develop a plan on how to proceed.

Dan Klein reported that the Sustainability Committee met. Tomorrow evening there will be a dinner and a movie "Bag It Is Your Life Too Plastic". In this documentary film, Jeb Berrier takes a closer look at our cultural love affair with plastic. This will be in the high school auditorium.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Taylor of Durham noted that there was discussion on how authorization of the funds will be expended on Article 7.

Sue Caswell will be working with the attorneys and DRA on the wording of Article 7 and will be ready for the next meeting.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: 1/4/16 Town Budget Forum – Madbury Town Hall
1/20/16 Regular School Board HS Library
1/11/16 Town Budget Forum – Durham Town Hall
1/12/16 Full Day Kindergarten Forum ORHS
1/13/16 Public Bond and Budget Hearing
1/19/20 Town Budget Forum – Lee Safety Complex

XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (a) – Superintendent Evaluation

Kenny Rotner made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 9:09 PM, 2nd by Denise Day under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. Upon Roll Call motion approved 7-0.

Maria Barth made a motion to re-enter public session at 9:50 PM, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Maria Barth made a motion to adjourn at 9:51 PM, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary