

Oyster River Cooperative School District

April 6, 2016

ORHS Library

6:30 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Dr. James Morse, Sue Caswell, Todd Allen, Mike McCann, Dennis Harrington, Carrie Vaich, Corey Parker, and Catherine Plourde

There were twenty members of the public present

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. for Manifest Review

6:30 – 7:00 Manifest Review/Approval at each School Board Meeting

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Parsons of Durham spoke and is in favor of using some of the unexpended fund balance to provide lighting for the fields. It will allow more use of the facility. The thirteen and final Todd's Trot signups are going on now.

Krista Butts of Lee mentioned that both she and her husband played sports in high school. She has been researching concussions online and female ice hockey players have the highest rate. Krista is in support of the Cooperative Team with Portsmouth being approved by the Board.

Dean Rubine of Lee talked about the start time and was disappointed that the workshop did not come out with a plan. He is suggesting a plan that the Elementary School times would be 7:45 – 2:25 and the middle school/high school times would be 8:45 – 3:45. Dean would like a survey of the students and the community.

Jennifer Lyon of Lee is on the working group for the start time. She mentioned that 70% of students are sleep deprived.

Miles Goldberg is a 7th grader at Oyster River. He is in favor of the Portsmouth Football Team Cooperative Program.

Tyler Butts of Lee a student in Oyster River said that football has taught him things that he wouldn't have learned anywhere else.

Gabe Goodwin is recommending that the School Board approve the football program.

Jamie Rothstein of Durham is in favor of the football cooperative program.

Beth Potier of Durham is in favor of adopting a plan with later start times at the high school.

Julie Hanes of Durham support later start time at the high school.

Eva Lizer of Durham is a physician and a parent in the District. The research is there that supports a later start time in the schools.

Willy Ouellette in Durham is in favor of the Portsmouth Football Cooperative Program.

Jeff Butts spoke in favor of the Board approving the Cooperative Football Program with Portsmouth.

Sarah Wilson of Durham spoke on how start times would affect their jobs, athletics.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve 3/16/16 regular meeting minutes.

Denise Day moved to approve the minutes of March 16th, 2nd by Al Howland with the following revisions. Motion approved 6-0-1 with Kenny Rotner abstaining.

Page 4 - Paragraph 10, replace the second sentence with: "A committee of five has chosen the six candidates to be interviewed."

Page 5 - Insert at end of second paragraph: "Corey Parker confirmed that the intended consequences of forming a football cooperative would be to start a football team in Oyster River."

Approval of Manifests:

Payroll Manifest #21: \$1,231,093.84

Vendor Manifest #22: \$752,260.84

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. District:

Mark Milliken congratulated Daiyao Zhang, Foster's student of the week Poetry out Loud winner who also plays classical piano. He also congratulated Megan Doody who was chosen Manchester Union Leaders athlete of the month.

Jay Richard Principal of the Middle School congratulated Troy as the new student senate representative. Jay congratulated Lisa Allison who coached a group of students on to victory at the Bridge Tournament last weekend as they took first place. He mentioned that there will be a 7th & 8th grade dance on

Friday at the Middle School. Congratulated Andrea Lawrence, a teacher at the middle school who was named Teacher Mentor of the Year by UNH. He also reported that they will be moving to the Quick Tip Program at the middle school.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported that the upcoming play for all students in Grades 3 and 4 will be performing Annie Jr. Friday April 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the School and Monday April 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the High School in the auditorium.

B. Board: Kenny Rotner was happy to go to the groundbreaking for the fields on Friday and congratulated Corey Parker on a great job. He thanked the community for all their letters of input. Kenny appreciates everyone's involvement.

Denise Day attended a two-day conference sponsored by the New England Secondary School Consortium called High School Redesign in Action. She learned that there are four states to developing a competency based learning system: school wide planning, design, instruction, and reporting. Many high schools two – three years into the transition still use traditional grades for report cards. It's important to go slowly and take the time to get all stakeholders on board. There are also issues regarding NCAA and merit based scholarships.

Maria Barth attended the community forum on grief. It was a wonderful beginning and she is hopeful that they will be looking at prevention. Moms demand action on Gun Sense in America which is an organization that I support.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

Todd Allen announced that we are going to be running the Summer Reach Program again this year. It is a great program and gave Carolyn Eastman and Deb Byrne credit for all that they accomplished with this program. The program will begin July 11 and run for 5 weeks until August 11, Monday through Thursday 8:30 – 11:30. The link is on the website. Thanks to Doris Demers and the School Nutrient staff, free lunch will be provided to any child from 11:30 – 12:30. March 18th a very successful Professional Development Day. Elementary focused on Eureka Math, middle school on standards and competencies, and high school self-study NEASC. Carrie Vaich lead a group of teachers to Nashville on Next Gen Science which was very informative.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Kindergarten Enrollment to Date: Superintendent Morse reported that to date Mast Way has 53 Kindergarten Students enrolled and Moharimet has 51 students. He also noted that many of the elementary classrooms are close to

the 22 number of students per class that is their guidelines. They will be keeping a close watch on those numbers.

Superintendent Morse detailed the High School Principal Search interview process over the past six weeks. They brought the two finalists before the student senate and faculty. Suzanne Filippone is the candidate this evening for consideration. She is from Spaulding High School.

Al Howland moved to accept Suzanne Filippone as the new principal at Oyster River High School beginning July 1st, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Community Forum about Loss and Healing: was well attended, the panel was terrific and the questions were very revealing. They are anticipating this to be one of a series meetings and he thanked the community for participating.

Athletic Fields Timeline: The expected completion date is September. They are getting an early start because the ground is not frozen.

C. Business Administrator:

Sue Caswell reviewed the RFP/RFQ Driver's Education Bid Request for Proposal with the Board:

Drivers Education Bid:
Years 1 and 2: \$650
Years 3-5: \$675

Denise Day moved to approve Towle Driving School, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Sue Caswell reviewed the RFP/RFQ Passenger School Bus process with the Board and is recommending Dattco Inc. The project was based on ten years of excellent working history with ORCSD, specs, place of warranty, preference in vehicle.

Al Howland moved to approve the bid from Dattco for \$84,861.00 for two Passenger School Buses, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

D. Student Senate Report: Student Representative Troy Lapolice reported that a lot of the students are excited and looking forward to Suzanne Filippone as their new principal.

E. Other: None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Football Cooperative with Portsmouth: Al Howland moved to have on the March 2017 ballot a warrant for support for Oyster River go into a cooperative with Portsmouth, 2nd by Maria Barth.

Corey Parker noted that with this agreement: if the state goes into a four division alignment then Portsmouth would most likely go to Division II and this would nullify any agreement they have with Oyster River. Other issues that were discussed were potential impacts of start times and Title IX implications. One suggestion was to form a one year cooperative program and have it written into the contract that Oyster River is not exploring their own football program in the event that the cooperative agreement is dissolved.

There was a discussion about the financial impact of a football program in the District. It would be a big financial undertaking. The Board members all mentioned how difficult this decision is.

Maria Barth moved to amend the motion to read to have on the March 2017 ballot a warrant for support for Oyster River to have a football program, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 4-3 with Kenny Rotner, Tom Newkirk, and Dan Klein opposing.

The motion as amended failed with Sarah Farwell, Al Howland, and Maria Barth voting in favor 3-4.

Denise Day moved to approve a cooperative agreement with Portsmouth High School for football with a clear understanding that if we approve the agreement it is in no way implying a pathway for Oyster River to have its own team, 2nd by Dan Klein. The motion failed 1-6 with Denise Day voting in favor of the motion.

Recommendation of assigning new development on Hayes Road in Lee and Madbury to Mast Way School: There is a new development that is ready for building to begin and Superintendent Morse is recommending it be assigned to Mast Way School. **Kenny Rotner moved to assign the new development on Hayes Road in Lee and Madbury to Mast Way School, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Meeting with School Staff Pertaining to Start Time: Two members of the Board will be visiting each school to survey them with these questions: In what ways does your schools current schedule work well? In what ways does the current schedule not work well?

What hardships do you foresee for staff, parents, and students at your school if schedules for elementary and middle/high schools were reversed?
They are seeking candid opinions and thoughts from the staff.

What do you think an ideal schedule for your school would be?

Board Member school visit breakdown will be:
Moharimet: Al Howland and Tom Newkirk
Mast Way: Dan Klein and Denise Day
Middle School: Kenny Rotner and Maria Barth
High School: Sarah Farwell and Tom Newkirk

Master schedule for 2016-17 School Board Meetings: Al Howland moved to approve the Master Schedule for 2016-17 School Board Meetings, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Lighting of the Athletic Fields:

Sue Caswell updated the Board that there will be end of the year fund balances to pay for this. These funds have become available due to health insurance savings, benefits and salaries.

This request has come up because the contractor offered a \$20,000 discount if the lights were included in the initial construction. The lights were not included in the warrant article that was passed last month.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the wording of the athletic field's warrant that passed which stated that the funding for the lights would be fund raised.

Al Howland made a motion to approve the funding for the lights for the new athletic field, 2nd by Dan Klein. Motion passed 5-2 with Maria Barth and Sarah Farwell opposing.

VII. ACTIONS

A. Superintendent Action Items: None

B. Board Action Items:

Motion to nominate and approve Non-Tenured Contract Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent: Denise Day moved to nominate and approve Non-Tenured Contract Professional Staff Members as submitted by the Superintendent, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 6-0-1 with Kenny Rotner abstaining.

Motion to accept ORHS Resignation: Denise Day moved to approve the ORHS Resignation, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0.

Motion to approve Moharimet Retirement: Al Howland moved to approve the Moharimet Retirement, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

Motion to approve ORMS/ORHS Spring Coaches and Volunteers:

Volunteer Positions:

Geoff Jablonski	Varsity Basketball
Paul Kerrigan	Boys Lacrosse
Nancy Bulkey	Girls Tennis
Michael Pare	Girls Tennis
Cameron Calato	JV Baseball
Chris Campbell	Varsity Softball
Chris Wall	JV Baseball
Natalie Bilynski	Outdoor Track and Field

Paid Positions:

Nicholas Ricciardi	Head Outdoor Track	\$5,463
Greg Gephart	Boys Asst. Outdoor Track	\$3,682
James Thibault	Boys JV Baseball	\$2,983
Bob Heuchling	Girls Varsity Tennis	\$3,507
Emily Rodgers	Girls Varsity Lacrosse	\$4,012
Daniel Brown	Boys JV Lacrosse	\$2,863
Nicole Grote	Girls JV Lacrosse	\$2,608
Andy Allen	Boys Tennis	\$3,207
Dave Montgomery	MS Outdoor Track	\$2,498
Sunpreet Sadana	MS Outdoor Track	\$2,573
Megan Hinz	MS Outdoor Track	\$2,473
Lauren Tebbetts	MS Outdoor Track	\$2,498
Nate Grove	MS Baseball	\$2,107
Brian Seeley	MS Softball	\$1,957
Nate Grove	5/6 Girls Basketball Int.	\$ 888
Jason Duff	5/6 Boys Basketball Int.	\$ 588

Denise Day moved to approve the above slate of ORMS/ORHS Spring Coaches and Volunteers, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Dan Klein reported that the Sustainability Committee is interested in looking more deeply at the pick-up and drop off traffic at the middle school and high school.

Maria Barth reported that the changes in the Legislation has moved to opt out of noneducational surveys. Policy Committee with legal representation has updated the Districts policies pertaining to surveys to match the State Legislation. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey would still be administered.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kate McManus of Durham feels it is really important for everyone to give due process to the start time in the schools. She also would like to see other issues discussed such as students bringing in caffeine into the schools. She thanked everyone for their input and especially for approving the lights.

David Taylor of Durham really appreciates the in depth deliberation and discussions this evening on football and the lights for the athletic fields.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS:

Future Meeting Dates: April 20 and May 4th Regular Meetings

XI. Non-Public Session: None

Non-Meeting Session: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

**Maria Barth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45, 2nd by Sarah Farwell.
Motion approved 7-0.**

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary