

# Oyster River Cooperative School District

## Regular Meeting

February 12, 2014

6:30 p.m.

School Board Members: Maria Barth, Tom Newkirk, Al Howland, Ann Lane, Megan Turnbull, Ed Charle, Kenny Rotner, and Student Representative Peter Zwart

Administrators: Superintendent James Morse, Sue Caswell, Jay Richard, Dennis Harrington

There were eleven members of the public present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** by Maria Barth to review manifests

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dennis Harrington took a moment to recognize the death of Terri Hanson.

Megan Turnbull would like to add an item to the nonpublic session later this evening.

Denise Day of Durham is thrilled that there is a proposed field upgrade in the District.

Jocelyn O'Quinn of Durham read a tribute to Shirley Thompson. She is forwarding a copy of this letter to the Board for public record.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Al Howland moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 15 and January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner.**

Revision: Page 5 January 15: replace Al Howland instead of Ann Lane.

Revision: Insert: "The School Board recognized that the evaluation of the Superintendent was not done in the fall as per policy. The Board was also in agreement that re-evaluation should be done by the full Board and not by a committee of three that it should be completed prior to the upcoming election."

**Motion with revisions passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

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## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**A District:** Carrie Vaich of Mast Way described some of the activities going on at Mast Way School. Kathy Baker is currently working on an Olympic Theme. Pam Felber is kicking off the school play. Read Across America will be next week and a poem was read describing the activities next week at the school.

**Board:** Kenny Rotner thanked everyone in the public that came out for the Deliberative Session. Dr. Morse and Sue Caswell along with the Leadership Team and the Advisory Budget Committee did a great job preparing the budget this year.

Ann Lane thanked Wendy for all her work preparing and organizing for the budget.

Maria Barth would like to take some time to talk about the goals for the next year.

## **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

**Superintendent's Reports:** As of February 26<sup>th</sup> the School District will have its own channel. Channel 97 will be the School District Channel.

**Business Administrator:** None

**Student Senate Report:** Peter Zwart reported that they have been selling the Valentine Carnations for a fundraiser. The Student Senate has been looking into alternate possibilities for advisor time.

**Athletic Field Upgrade Proposal: Todd Allen and Corey Parker:** Todd Allen thanked the Board for the opportunity for this presentation.

John Parsons History behind upgraded facilities:

F.O.R.T (Friends of Oyster River Track)

Sole purpose is to raise money for construction and maintenance of an Oyster River Track.

They have raised over \$275,000 to date through various fundraising efforts.

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Rob Drugan spoke on the health benefits of exercise, cardiovascular, obesity, cognitive function, aging and Alzheimer's disease.

Athletic field growth in communities would allow for temporary athletic fields  
Athletic Committee in the summer of 2013 unanimously agreed updated facilities is vital for expansion of athletic offerings.

Corey Parker explained why now the time to upgrade the athletic fields is now:  
Athletic Participation has increased.

Growth in our program offerings: Unified Track/Soccer, reserve soccer teams  
Raise the standard of our facilities

Over usage of current field creates poor field conditions creating growth season

Provide a safe environment for the community to utilize the facility

Expand the Physical Education Curriculum and keep all exercises on campus

Eliminate the need for rentals at UNH: Average turf rental is \$160 per hour  
and Track rental is \$110 per hour

Create a true "home field/stadium"

Concept:

Turf Field: Resolve drainage and unsafe environment. Save on all turf rentals for lacrosse and soccer teams.

Track: Allow a home for 175+ athletes and every PE class. Save all track rental costs and be able to host track meets.

Reconfigure: Baseball: Align properly with the sun. Create a safe flow for crowds and eliminate "foul ball issues."

Create a True Home: Teams, Faculty and Community can be proud of.

Cost of the Project:

\$2.4 Million

Includes:

\$1.8M for turf and track

\$400,000 lighting and bleachers

\$200,000 reconfiguration of baseball field

How Can We Do this?

District commitment of \$1.2M

F.O.R.T. already committed for \$300,000

Fundraising campaign of \$900,000

What They Are Asking For:

A commitment to propose a 1.2M bond for March 2015

Commitment now on up to \$40,000

Necessary to make shovel ready

Test pits

Pre-construction permits and final drawings.

**Ann Lane moved to authorize the Superintendent to take up to \$40K out of the fund balance. Maria Barth moved to postpone this discussion to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion to postpone this discussion until March 5<sup>th</sup> passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion to approve ORHS overnight field trip for the Robotics Competition:**

**Al Howland moved to approve the ORHS overnight field trip for the robotics competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan Turnbull. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to approve the list of Policies:**

**Maria Barth moved to reschedule the Policies for the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

#### **CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**Future Meeting Dates:** March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Megan Turnbull moved to enter into nonpublic session to discuss an administrator's salary under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Upon roll call vote, the motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully yours,  
Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary