

**Oyster River Cooperative School District**

**Regular Meeting**

March 5, 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 nine members of the public present.

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

**II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Al Howland moved to postpone the track discussion until March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Maria thanked the Student Representative Peter Zwart and Board Members Ann Lane and Megan Turnbull for their service.

**III PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Denise Day of Durham thanked Ann and Megan for their dedication and service to the Board. Regarding the Board Employee Communications Policy that will be discussed this evening, she feels that it could be clearer.

Jocelyn O'Quinn of Durham thanked both Megan and Ann for everything that they have done for the District and children of the community.

**Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session under RSA-A:3 II(a) to discuss the Superintendent's Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Ed Charle moved to come out of nonpublic session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Upon roll call vote motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve 2/7/14 and 2/12/14 minutes.

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved unanimously with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

VM#19: \$888,847.09

PM#19: \$805,266.50

PM#20: \$1,097,880.20

**V ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:**

**District:** Jay Richard of the Middle School detailed the upcoming events at the Middle School. He commended Megan, Ann and Peter for all their hard work.

Todd Allen of the High School noted that both boys and girls hockey tournaments are happening this week. He thanked the departing Board members for their dedication to the District.

Dennis Harrington mentioned on the 29<sup>th</sup> will be the pancake breakfast. The book fair will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. There is an Art Club that is forming at Moharimet.

Sue Caswell Business Administration noted that Tuesday is voting day. The Annual Report of the District is published and available.

**Board:** Kenny Rotner commended the Oyster River Men and Women's Swimming Teams that won the State Championship.

Al Howland participated in Read Across America at Mast Way.

**VI DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report:** Carolyn Eastman noted that this was the last year for the NECAP Reports. The results are detailed in the Annual Report of the District.

She also discussed the Summer Enrichment Program. It is a community based summer camp experience for local youth. The brochure will be available tomorrow.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Morse announced that the Comcast Channel is 95. The Annual Report is available in the town offices and the schools. Next Tuesday is voting day. This proposed budget has been very well received.

He attended the strings concert last evening and the music staff has been outstanding and committed to the Program.

Superintendent Morse thanked Ann Lane, Megan Turnbull and Peter Zwart for their service and all their work.

**Student Senate Report:** The girl's hockey game Friday night at UNH against Bishop Guerton.

Peter spoke about Andy Allen, a long time para in the District at the high school. He is missed by all the students at the school.

He thanked everyone for the valuable experience of working as the Student Representative on the School Board.

**A.L.I.C.E. Training Report – Durham Police Department:** Ed Levesque, Steve Misek, and Holly Malasky explained the A.L.I.C.E. Training to the Board. They would like to tailor this new procedure for the middle school and high school.

## **VII DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A Audit:** Patrick from Melanson Heath and Co. reviewed the District Audit with the Board. Their findings were a clean opinion for the District. Overall the District is in a good financial position.

**B. Facilities Management Services RFP Update:** Sue Caswell detailed the bid for Facilities Management Services. The District received one bid from Aramark Corporation.

**Al Howland moved to award the Facilities Management Services bid to Aramark Corporation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Newkirk. The motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

### **VIII ACTIONS**

#### **Superintendent and Board Actions:**

**Motion to accept letter of resignation of ORHS Teacher: Al Howland moved to accept the letter of resignation of an ORHS Teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **Nominate Department Head Stipend and Coaches:**

Kristin Wilson	Special Education	\$1,250
Jon Peterson	Special Education	\$1,250
Glen Miller	Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,933
Vince Bahl	Boys Varsity Lacrosse	\$3,933

**Al Howland moved to nominate the ORHS Department Head stipend position for Special Education for remainder of 2013/2014 and the above list of coaches, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Motion to approve the Moharimet Music Stipends: Al Howland moved to approve the Moharimet Music Stipends, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Overnight Trip to New York : Al Howland moved to approve the ORHS overnight field trip to NYC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **Approval of Policies:**

**Policy JLCE: Al Howland moved to approve Policy JLCE for a first reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Motion passed 6-1-0 with Kenny Rotner recusing himself and the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Kenny Rotner moved to approve Policies JFABB, KCD, CBI & R, FF, IKA, JEAB, KF/KF-R/KF-R1 for a first read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Al Howland moved to delete Policies JG, GCO, and JJE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Lane. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

**Al Howland moved to postpone Policies: EEA, BHC, BGF, KHB, and GCO, Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

#### **IX SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Ed Charle reported that the Sustainability Committee has been continuously meeting. There are UNH Interns that are interested in working with the committee. There will be a Solar Awareness meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **X PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Krista Butts of Lee talked about the Star Assessment. She spoke about students falling through the cracks. This Assessment allows the comparison of a student's progress. She believes that these assessments are a great tool.

Krista likes the Progress Reports on Powertool. They are easy to read and understand.

Dean Rubine from Lee reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday.

#### **CLOSING ACTIONS**

**Future Meeting Dates:** March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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**Ann Lane moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan Turnbull. Motion approved 7-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grasso Dobson  
Recording Secretary