

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Regular Meeting - DRAFT

October 2, 2013

6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Maria Barth, Tom Newkirk, Kenny Rotner, Megan Turnbull, Ed Charle, Al Howland and Student Representative Ryan Carrigan Not Present: Ann Lane

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

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

I CALL TO ORDER Manifest Review

Chair Maria Barth noted that today is National Custodian Day and she thanked all custodians in the District for their hard work.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine of Lee spoke about the tuition framework with regards to Newmarket. He noted that we are offering them a tuition discount. He mentioned that the cost is \$16,304 per pupil in Oyster River and we are offering them a price of \$14,500 per student.

Krista Butts and Tyler Butts of Lee spoke to the Board in favor of football in the District.

Nicole Benoit of Durham spoke and that they remain passionate about bringing football to Oyster River.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of 9/18/13 Minutes: Al Howland moved to approve the September 18, 2013 minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Manifests:

Manifest #8=\$254,532.35

Payroll #8=\$1,093,976.96

V ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

A District: Dennis Harrington of Moharimet School reported that they had 106 volunteers this weekend to build the playground at the school. The PTO has worked really hard to get this project done. This playground will serve the kids in the District for the next 25 years.

Todd Allen of the High School reported that the first meeting of the High School PTO will be on Monday evening at 7:00 in the Library. They are halfway through the first quarter and he encouraged parents to check their Powerschool account.

B Board: Kenny Rotner attended a semi-forum with the Social Studies teachers and their students. He is impressed with how articulate the students are.

The Wellness Committee met and they are starting to move forward with regards to the mental health aspect. It is not mentioned in the Policy and he asked if it needs to be part of a policy to go forward in that direction. It was suggested that the Wellness Committee create a document pertaining to mental health and forward it to the Policy Committee for review.

Chair Maria Barth attended an Educational Law Conference in Concord it was very informative.

Chair Maria Barth is looking for Manifest Volunteers. Ed Charle, Kenny Rotner, and Ann Lane will be the volunteers.

VI DISTRICT REPORTS

A Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Reports: Carolyn Eastman noted that this Friday will be a Professional Development Day. Teachers are using this time for parent/teacher conferences at the Elementary and Middle School. The high school staff is using their time to be educated on Atlas.

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B Superintendents Report: Superintendent Morse reported that a Right-to-Know petition will probably be filed relating to Megan Turnbull as a Board member. They have not as of yet received a notice and he will keep them informed.

Superintendent Morse and Sue Caswell are working on the draft of the budget. The administrators are working very hard to adhere to the Board’s goals in their draft. The all-day budget workshop will be October 24th with the School Board and the Advisory Budget Committee.

C. Business Administrator: None

D. Student Senate Report: None

E. Other:

Siemens Summer Update: Tom Seekins the Account Manager of Siemens and Sean Foye presented the summer update to the Board.

Energy Reduction Project Phase II

Tom detailed the facility improvement measures with the Board.

He also reported on the retro-commissioning DDC Report.

Incentives and Savings:

Project Investment: \$554,468

Estimated savings as a result of implementation: \$82,835

Incentives:

NH P4P \$70,712

PSNH \$88,033

Total Savings and Incentives: \$158,745

This will be a 4.7 year net payback

Tuition Framework and Offer: Superintendent Morse discussed and presented the tuition framework offer with the Board:

Intended Purposes of Enrolling Tuition Students:

- To maintain current programs
- To enhance programs
- To decrease cost per student
- To generate alternative revenue
- To lower the tax effort
- To utilize state of the art facility for maximum student gain

Capacity Study NHSAA:

The capacity study by NHSAA indicates that ORHS has space for:
1,205 students using State of NH Guidelines or 915 students using ORCSD
Class Size Policy IIB

ORHS has space for up to 300 additional students using District policy

Purpose This Evening:

To transform through School Board action, the DRAFT framework into a tuition offer for consideration by Barrington, Newmarket and Deerfield

THE FRAMEWORK:

- Is NOT final or binding to either side
- The offer should be considered a working document
- The offer will be accompanied by a cover letter that outlines dates and intent

Highlights:

- A flat tuition rate of \$14,500 per student
- The flat tuition rate will increase annually by the actual appropriated increase in the operating cost of ORHS based upon the fiscal year
- The flat rate includes special education inclusive of four professional staff and eleven paraprofessional staff
- Beyond the staff noted, additional staff will be at the cost of the sending school district
- All extraordinary cost including out of district placement, due process costs, ad contracted services, are at the cost of the sending district
- The term of the offer is 15 years
- On the tenth year a decision will need to be made as to whether to continue the agreement beyond fifteen years

If the agreement is not extended, students attending from another school system will be allowed to continue at ORHS until their graduation.

The sending school district will have a non-voting seat on the School Board related to high school issues

The sending school district and the ORCSD will meet twice a year to discuss high school issues.

Citizens of the sending school district may present to the ORCSD School Board on matters related to the high school

The same discipline procedures used for ORHS resident students will be applied to tuition students

Information such as report cards, attendance, or other student information will be shared with the sending school district

ORCSD Policies prevail

Student transportation will be provided by the sending school district unless a separate agreement is reached to provide transportation

Contract Dispute:

Will be resolved at the Superintendent level

Failure to resolve the dispute between superintendents will result in the dispute presented to the ORCSD School Board

Failure at the School Board level will result in the dispute going to the State Board for resolution

Timeline:

October 2, 2013 ORCSD Board agrees to send framework to Barrington, Deerfield, and Newmarket School Boards

ORCSD and potential sending schools meet if requested with sending districts

November 1, 2013: Office response requested

November 6, 2013: Present to ORCSD School Board

ORCSD School Board chooses a school district

November – February: Community Outreach

March 2014: voters in Oyster River and sending school district decide yes or no, then begin planning accordingly

Revenue Framework:

2015-16: Newmarket at \$14,500 x 254 students = \$3,683,000

2015-16: Barrington @ \$14,500 x 250 students = \$3,625,000

2015-16: Deerfield @188 students x 90% = 169 students
Deerfield @ 169 x \$14,500 students = \$2,450,500

Expenses:

25% to taxpayer relief

10% to capital improvement

65% to insuring Board Policy IIB Class Size is honored and
Programs are maintained

VII DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII ACTIONS

Al Howland moved to send out the tuition framework offer to the Barrington, Deerfield, and Newmarket Schools, 2nd by Megan Turnbull. Motion passed 6 – 0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Motion to approve ORMS Additional Fall Coaches – Safety Issue

ORMS Paid Coaching Positions:

Ben Halsey	MS Cross Country	\$1,919
Stephanie Ward	MS Cross Country	\$1,919
Emma Hewson	MS Field Hockey	\$1,919

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above additional ORMS Fall Coaches, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES: Al Howland reported that the communications committee met and discussed how to communicate effectively in the district. They are or will be using forums, Alert Now, Community Updates and ORTV as a means of communication.

Ed Charle reported that the Sustainability Committee met and discussed the establishment and implementation of the Green Team.

Maria Barth reported that the Policy Committee continues to meet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Day of Durham thanked the Superintendent for being so thorough with the subject of tuitioning students. Regarding class size it will be more important than ever to keep them status quo with new students in the school.

Dean Rubine of Lee discussed the cost per pupil numbers that were reported by the state.

Sarah Farawell of Lee noted that the tuitioned discussion does not take into consideration the 50 preschoolers in the high school building. She also mentioned that the elementary school redistricting that will be coming up. She would like the K-4 model to stay intact.

CLOSING ACTIONS

Future Meeting Dates: October 16, 2013, October 23, 2013, October 30, 2013

XII ADJOURNMENT

Al Howland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion passed 6-0 with the Student Representative voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary