

Oyster River Cooperative School District

November 30, 2011 Special Meeting 6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Henry Brackett, Ann Wright, Ann Lane, Jocelyn O’Quinn, Megan Turnbull, Krista Butts (arrived at 7:00 p.m.) and Student Representative: Cody Jacobsen

Not Present: Jim Kach

ADMINISTRATORS: Interim Superintendent Levesque, Sue Caswell, Dennis Harrington, Todd Allen, and Jay Richard

There were fifteen members of the public present

The Members of the Advisory Budget Committee were present. Lisa Allison of the Long Range Planning Committee was also in attendance.

I CALL TO ORDER: By Henry Brackett at 6:30 p.m.

II ACTIONS ITEMS: To Determine Superintendent Search Committee Selection Process:

Ann Wright moved to have the composition of the Superintendent Search Committee to consist of 13 individuals, 2 Administrators, 2 School Board members, 3 Teachers, 3 Parents, 1 Student, and 2 Community Members 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion failed 1-4 with Ann Wright in favor of this motion.

Interim Superintendent Levesque is recommending an 11 member Superintendent Search Committee:

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| 1 Administrator | Ask Administration to forward a name to Superintendent’s office |
| 2 School Board | Ask School Board to self-elect |
| 3 Teachers | Ask Teachers Guild for three representatives and Forward names to Superintendent’s office |
| 2 Parents | Ask the 4 PTO’s for two representatives and forward |

- Names to Superintendent’s office
- 1 Student Ask Student Senate to forward a name to Superintendent’s office
- 2 Community Ask Community members to send letters of interest to Superintendent’s office. Have student Members board representative draw two names in a lottery format.

Megan Turnbull moved to approve the above list for the Superintendent’s Screening Committee, 2nd by Ann Lane. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the proposed committee composition and criteria.

Jocelyn O’Quinn moved to amend the proposal for the composition of the Superintendent Screening Committee to change community members’ selection to board chosen, 2nd by Ann Lane. Motion passed 3-2-1 with Megan Turnbull and Ann Wright against and Krista Butts abstaining.

The original motion passed 6-1 with Krista Butts abstaining.

Ann Wright moved that all Board members that are interested in serving on this committee submit their name to be randomly drawn by lottery, 2nd by Megan Turnbull. Motion failed 1-6 with Ann Wright voting for the motion.

Krista Butts moved to have election of School Board members to the committee nominated and voted on similar to how the Chair and Vice-Chair are nominated, 2nd by Megan Turnbull. Motion approved unanimously.

III Discussion

A Work Session with Advisory Budget committee:

High School: In order to achieve class sizes closer to District guidelines at the high school, the School Board should consider a plan to increase tuition students by 100 more students within 2-3 years through contractual agreements with local school districts. This will produce up to 1.3 million in revenue versus cutting five staff (approximately \$500,000 savings) to achieve the School Board recommended guidelines for class sizes at the high school.

The Board had a lengthy discussion with the Advisory Budget Committee to look at the class size guidelines which is currently 22. With the current staff, 100 students could be added and not impact the class size guidelines. They also had an in depth conversation on tuitioning students from other schools and the impact on the high school.

They are recommending that the School Board consider a plan to support the Athletic Director and the High School Principal in expanding District athletic facilities (while considering private fundraising as a primary source). Focus on facilities that we currently pay for and build capacity on areas that we can use for revenue from the other team use or championship games.

Reduce the printing budget by 25% or more in FY13 budget to encourage paperless operations.

The Advisory Budget Committee is recommending that the District aggressively look at tuitioning students from other Districts over a two or three year period.

Middle School: Reduce the printing budget by 25% or more in FY13 budget to encourage paperless operations.

Hiring a technology integrator at this time is not recommended.

Include the next phase of the middle school bathroom renovations with more CIP improvements in this budget after review of the Facilities Study. They are also recommending that the minimum amount of money invested is \$400K per year for the CIP budget.

Elementary Schools: Reassess a decrease in first grade staffing at Mast Way following the Long Range Planning Committee updated final reported expected on December 21, 2011.

Revisit the flexible district line item to optimize enrollment numbers between elementary schools and adjust bus routes accordingly.

Explore models for improving math instruction at both elementary schools other than a permanent, full-time math coach position.

The Board had dialogue regarding the budgeting for the math coach position at the elementary schools with the Principals and the Advisory Budget Committee.

A comprehensive and district-wide K-12 foreign language plan is essential before any additional foreign language staff is hired.

Reduce the printing budget by 25% or more in this budget to encourage “paperless” operations.

The Board members talked about what they initiatives they would like to see:

Krista Butts would like to see more tuition students at the high school, reduction of District wide printing by 25% and to revisit the flexible District line for the elementary schools.

Ann Lane would like to add \$400K to budget for Capitol Improvement Warrant Article, revisit and rebid the Aramark Contract and reducing the teachers at the high school budget by \$500K. She would like to see a reduction in the budget of \$1,137,146.

After a Board discussion, **Krista Butts moved to approve a proposal of a budget that has \$500K reduction for the December 7th Board meeting, 2nd by Jocelyn O’Quinn. Motion approved 5-1 with Ann Wright against the motion.**

Krista Butts moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45, 2nd by Henry Brackett. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary