

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE  
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at the the Board of Education Central Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

**Board Members**

Kelley Kennedy  
Holly King  
Philip Broadhurst  
Eileen Baker  
James Henderson  
Joanne Sullivan  
George Chang  
Alan Hyla  
Karen Brodeur

**Others**

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathy Bai, Director of Pupil and Professional Services  
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Julie Pendleton, Director of Operations, Facilities, and Finance  
Sheila Riffle, Principal of Old Saybrook High School  
Mandy Ryan, Principal of Old Saybrook Middle School  
Heston Sutman, Principal of Kathleen E. Goodwin School

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education

Student Representative Reports

The Board of Education Student Representatives reported the following:

- Perfect Pals events coming up:
  - October 23: apple picking
  - October 27: decorating pumpkins
  - November 3: making caramel apples
  - November 21: Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
- Old Saybrook High School students went to the Old Saybrook Middle School activity fair and spoke with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about various clubs and sports they could participate in at the high school next year
- Sports Update:
  - Field hockey is 2-7-1
  - Girls soccer is 8-2-4
  - Football is 3-1
  - Boys soccer is undefeated,
- Interact club is preparing for this year's Jingle bell run on December 3

- Chamber concert on Thursday, October 20
- PSAT will be given to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on Wednesday, October 19.

### Correspondence

- CABA: Delegate Assembly – November 17, 2016

## III. MEETING MINUTES

### Brodeur/Baker

**“Move to approve the October 4, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)**

## IV. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### Field Trip Request – International Submarine Race

The Old Saybrook High School Submarine Team is requesting permission to attend the International Submarine Races at the Naval Services Warfare Center in Caderock, Maryland. The submarine team is comprised of students between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students learn how to design, construct, test, and race a wet one-man submarine. Each student will have the opportunity to pilot the submarine and will earn SCUBA certification. The team will leave Old Saybrook High School on the morning of June 25, for Rockville, Maryland. Submarine races will take place between June 26-June 30. Students will return to Old Saybrook on June 30.

### Brodeur/Henderson

**“Move to approve the International Submarine Race field trip as presented”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)**

### Student Assessment Update

Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, presented the recently released state standardized test scores from last spring's administration.

For the first time, all eleventh graders participated in the School day SAT, which was the first administration of the new SAT. Because this is a new test and because all students took this test, regardless of college and career plans, the data is not comparable to previous years' SATs. On the whole, Old Saybrook students scored better than their peers statewide. There was an 11-point gap in math and a 15-point gap in English language arts between Old Saybrook students and their grade level peers across the state.

Smarter Balanced scores in grades 3-8 were up across the state, but down in Old Saybrook, on the whole. In nine of 12 subcategories, Old Saybrook students performed better in 14-15 than they did in 15-16, while the state averages showed gains in all 12 areas. Mathematics continues to be a weakness both in the state and in Old Saybrook, though students across the state outscored Old Saybrook peers at one grade level and scored similarly in a second in the area of mathematics. Old Saybrook showed particularly strong scores in fourth and fifth grade mathematics and in seventh and eighth grade English language arts.

CMT/CAPT Science scores were largely unchanged, though the 15-16 scores were higher at all grades (5,8,and 10) than the five year averages for the same test. Because this test remains focused on the former Connecticut science standards, rather than the current Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), the data bears further investigation.

Director Goss reviewed the following next steps for continued assessment monitoring and improvement:

- continue the math pilots, K-8
- continue math coaching
- monitor adoption of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- monitor ELA integration models and impact on student learning
- cross-reference data from these assessments with local assessments and universal screenings

#### School/Facility Usage Handbook

This item was tabled. The Board of Education attorney suggested that the work of the committee be incorporated into the policy. Director Pendleton and Superintendent Perruccio are going to meet on Thursday after getting results of that work and cross-walk it with the committee's work.

#### Policy Update – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The following policies were presented to the Board of Education for a first reading. These policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee. The policies presented were broken down into two sections. The first section represents policies where the only changes are legal reference updates and/or small grammatical changes. The second section represents policies where substantive changes have been made to the policy.

#### **Policies with Legal Reference Updates Only**

- Series 1000 Pesticide Application
- Series 1000 Pool Safety Plan
- Series 1000 Regulations Regarding Sex Offenders

- Series 3000 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Fiscal Compliance
- Series 4000 Regulations Regarding Concussion Management and Training for Athletic Coaches
- Series 4000 Hiring of Certified Staff
- Series 4000 Hiring of Non-Certified Staff
- Series 4000 Policy Regarding Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Series 5000 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy
- Series 5000 Policy Regarding Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

#### **Policies with Substantive Changes**

- Series 1000 School Security and Safety Plan
- Series 4000 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace
- Series 4000 Regulations for the Use and Disclosure of Criminal Justice Information
- Series 4000 Employment Checks
- Series 4000 Non-Discrimination
- Series 4000 Social Media
- Series 4000 Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics
- Series 5000 Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes
- Series 5000 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records
- Series 5000 Homeless Children and Youth
- Series 5000 Non-Discrimination
- Series 5000 Student Privacy
- Series 5000 Policy Regarding Student Use of the District Computer System and Internet Safety

#### V. REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATORS

Goodwin – There was no additional report

Old Saybrook Middle School – There was no additional report

Old Saybrook High School – There was no additional report

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment – There was no additional report

Operations, Facilities, and Finance – Director Pendleton stated that a comprehensive first quarter budget report would be given next month.

Pupil and Professional Services – There was no additional report

Superintendent – Superintendent Perruccio stated that her Board report was nearly identical to the strategic plan update sent to all staff. These progress updates will be sent out approximately every eight weeks.

#### VI. REPORTS BY BOARD COMMITTEES/LIAISONS

Budget and Fiscal – The next Budget and Fiscal meeting will be on November 8, at 6:30 PM.

CABE – The annual convention will be held on November 18 and 19.

Facilities – The last project reviewed by this committee was the Facility Usage Handbook, which will be reviewed by the Board at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

LEARN – There was no additional report.

Strategic Plan – There was no additional report.

Personnel – There was no additional report.

Policy – The next Policy committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:00 PM.

PTO/PTO/Ram Boosters – There was no additional report.

Chairman Report – There was no additional report.

#### VII. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

##### Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

#### VIII. REMINDERS

- Fall Concert: Chamber Music Small Choruses – October 20, 2016 – 7:30 pm
- National Honor Society Food Drive – October 22, 2016 – 9:00am-11:00am
- Old Saybrook High School Tag Sale – October 22, 2016 – 9:00am-2:00pm
- Old Saybrook Middle School PTO Meeting – October 24, 2016 – 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Goodwin School Costume Parade – October 31, 2016 – 10:15am-11:15am
- Goodwin School PTA Meeting – November 2, 2016 – 7:00pm -8:00pm
- Professional Development – November 7 & 8
- Election Day – November 8, 2016
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 8, 2016 – 7:30 pm

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Baker/Brodeur**

**“Move to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)**

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Karen Brodeur, Secretary  
Old Saybrook Board of Education

Minutes recorded and typed by:  
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\*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting