

OLD SAYBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Eileen Baker
James Henderson
Phil Broadhurst
George Chang
Karen Brodeur
Holly King
Joanne Sullivan

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Operations, Facilities & Finance
Kathy Bai, Dir. of Pupil and Professional Services
Sheila Riffle, Principal at Old Saybrook High School

Invited Guests: Senator Paul Formica, Senator Art Linares, Board of Finance Chairman Dave LaMay, Region 18 Board of Education Member Stacy Winchell, Region 18 Superintendent Ian Neviaser

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the Board of Education.

III. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Revised 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

At their Spring Leadership Evaluation Meeting, the Board of Education decided to revise the Board Meeting Calendar for 2017 so that meetings would be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, when possible, and they would begin at 7:00PM. This revised schedule will begin with the 2017-2018 academic year. The meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- April 25, 2017 @7:30 p.m.
- May 9, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. (Superintendent's Year in Review – Q&A)
- May 23, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. (Superintendent's Annual Evaluation)
- June 6, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.
- June 20, 2017 @7:30 p.m. (If necessary)
- September 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

- September 26, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 10, 2017 @7:00 p.m.
- October 24, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. (Fall Leadership Evaluation)
- November 14, 2017 @7:00 p.m.
- November 28, 2017 @7:00 p.m.
- December 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Broadhurst/Henderson

“Move to approve the 2017 Board of Education Meeting schedule as amended.”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Residency Issue

Board of Education Policy “Series 9000 Board Member Roles” states that the Board shall consider any specific recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, District practice has been to allow the Board of Education to decide student residency issues. It has been Board procedure in the past to allow students who have moved from the district during the latter part of the school year to remain enrolled in order for them to complete their academic year with their classmates. Currently, a family is requesting permission for their child to be enrolled into Old Saybrook Public Schools for the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year while their home is being built in Old Saybrook. The family has provided sufficient evidence of residency and their home is anticipated for completion in December 2017. Until their home is built, the family will reside in Westbrook. The Superintendent recommended the Board allow this family to enroll their child into the school system for the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year. This recommendation is contingent on a student's maintaining himself in good standing. Failure to do so could result in the rescinding of permission to attend school in Old Saybrook. The family of the student must also provide their own transportation to and from school until they reside in Old Saybrook permanently.

Principal Sutman supported the petition to have the student begin his studies at the Kathleen E. Goodwin School for the start of the 2017-2018 academic year while the family temporarily resides out of town.

Brodeur/Sullivan

“Move to approve the residency request for the student to begin the 2017-2018 academic year at Old Saybrook Public Schools”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

2016-2017 Graduation Date

According to the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar, the first eligible last day of school is June 14, 2017. Inclement weather has caused school cancellation on two separate occasions during the school year, both of which were absorbed by built in snowflake days.

By law, the Board of Education may set a firm date no earlier than the first Board meeting in April. My recommendation to the Board of Education is to set the graduation date for Wednesday, June 14, 2017, which meets the required 180-day academic year for students. By setting this date, we will also be scheduling the middle school closing ceremony and high school commencement.

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to set the graduation date for the 2016-2017 academic year as June 14, 2017, which will also be the date of Old Saybrook High School and Old Saybrook Middle School Commencement”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

17-18 Insurance Update

On Thursday April 6, 2017, Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton met with the members of the Eastern Connecticut Health Medical Cooperative (ECHMC) to do a final review of the past fifteen (15) months of claims to set the rates for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton reported that the ECHMC Board approved a 16% increase for 2017-2018. There is some additional money in the allocation rate to build the reserve for the group.

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Rates

The District has locked in on fuel rates for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and has pre-ordered \$2,500 gallons of gasoline at \$1.9275. The District also ordered 25,000 gallons of diesel at \$1.9795. These quantities, combined with what we already have on hand, should be adequate for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Donation – Old Saybrook High School Rowing Machines

The Old Saybrook High School has been offered several lightly used Concept2 Indoor Rowing Machines and Slides.

Inventory of Equipment Donated:

- 2 x Concept2 Model D Indoor Rower w/ PM3 Monitor
- 2 x Concept2 Model D Indoor Rower w/ PM4 Monitor
- 13 x Concept2 Slide

According to Board of Education Policy Series 3000 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District, any gift valued over \$500.00 presented to the school district must be brought to the Board for official action and recognition.

Broadhurst/Baker

“Move to approve the Old Saybrook High School Rowing Machine Donation, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Policy – 2nd Reading

The following policies were presented to the Board of Education for a second reading. These policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee. The policies being presented are broken down into two sections. The first section represents regulation updates that are informational only. The Board does not need to take official action on these regulations. The second section represents policies where substantive changes have been made to the policy.

Regulation Updates:

- Series 4000 Section 504
- Series 4000 Criminal Justice Information
- Series 5000 Section 504

Policy Updates:

- Series 4000 Employment Checks
- Series 5000 Student Privacy
- Series 5000 Child Sexual Abuse Reporting
- Series 5000 Student Records/FERPA
- Series 5000 Graduation Requirements

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve Series 4000 Employment Checks, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve Series 5000 Student Privacy, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve Series 5000 Child Sexual Abuse Reporting, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve Series 5000 Student Records/FERPA, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve Series 5000 Graduation polices, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Chairman Kennedy publically thanked the members of the Graduation Policy Subcommittee for their work on this policy.

Legislative Preparation Discussion

Superintendent Perruccio reviewed current legislation being discussed by state officials that may impact public school education.

The Board Recessed at 7:26PM.

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:28PM

Board of Education Advocacy Regarding State Budget and Legislation Impacting Education

Chairman Kennedy welcomed the state senators and other guests to the Board Meeting.

Senator Formica and Senator Linares gave a brief presentation regarding the committees in which they serve for the state. They elaborated on their roles for those committees and how the legislation their committees develop, review, and present may affect education in the state of Connecticut.

Both Senators emphasized the importance of establishing a fair and consistent budget for the state. The Senators agreed that the budget should be predictable and that the education cost sharing formula should be consistent so that local districts can more accurately plan their yearly budgets.

Other topics discussed by the Senators and the Board of Education included, but are not limited to:

- Apprenticeship Program for High School students that focuses on better preparing students for the work force and will ultimately make it easier for Connecticut to retain young families
- The role of the Superintendent
- Teacher pension cost sharing with municipalities
- Restraint and seclusion only for teachers who are in direct contact with students
- Universal pre-school
- Mandate relief
- Teacher evaluations

IV. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

V. REMINDERS

- OSHS Mr. Old Saybrook Contest – April 6 – 6:30PM
- Professional Development Half Day – April 7
- Spring Break – April 10 – April 14
- Facilities Committee Meeting – April 18 – 6:30PM
- OSHS PAC Meeting – April 19 – 6:00PM
- OSHS PTO Meeting – April 19 – 7:00PM
- Goodwin PTA Tag/Bake Sale – April 21 – 4:00-8:00PM
- Goodwin PTA Tag/Bake Sale – April 22 – 9:00AM – 2:00PM
- OSMS Parent Council Meeting – April 24 – 6:45PM
- OSMS PTO Meeting – April 24 – 7:30PM
- Board of Education Meeting – April 25 – 7:30 PM @ OSHS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Henderson

“Move to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting