

Old Saybrook Board of Education  
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

**Board Members**

Eileen Baker  
Cindy Sultini  
Tara Barros  
Jim Henderson  
Karen Brodeur

**Others**

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools  
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Operations, Facilities & Finance  
Amity Goss, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Kathy Bai, Dir. Pupil and Professional Services  
Sheila Riffle, Old Saybrook High School Principal  
Joseph Anastasio, Old Saybrook High School Associate Principal  
Krista Bauchman, Old Saybrook Middle School Principal  
Matt Walton, Old Saybrook Middle School Associate Principal  
Heston Sutman, Kathleen E. Goodwin School Principal

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Barros called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

**II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**

Audience of Citizens

There were no comments made to the Board of Education.

Reports from the Student Representatives

**Activities**

Math Team

On September 19th, the Math team went to Daniel Hand High School in Madison, to play at the opening meet of the greater Middlesex County math conference.

Quizbowl Team

On September 26th, the Quizbowl team will hold their inaugural match, facing title contender Haddam-Killingworth in a competition at Valley Regional High School.

State Student Council on Education

Two Old Saybrook High School students, seniors Amina Cecunjinan and Ali Castro, were invited to this council focusing on topics such as student voice, personalization, and school climate. Principal Riffle elaborated on the process for being selected to the State Student Council of Education. It is highly unusual for one school to have two representatives.

**Sports**

Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team has had a strong start to their title defending campaign. Led by four co-captains, (seniors Shon Ryan, Luke Hanratty, Colin Schulmeister, and Cooper Luciani)

the reigning Class S state champions, began their season with two wins, 2-0 over Portland High School and 2-1 over East Hampton High School.

#### Girls Soccer

The Old Saybrook High School Lady Rams soccer team has begun their season with progress in mind. They began their season with a record of 1-3-0.

#### Football

The Old Saybrook-Westbrook football team held its season opener on Saturday, September 14th. In a hard fought battle against Coginchaug Regional High School, our OSW boys fell by a score of 41-20.

#### Field Hockey

The OSHS girls field hockey team is building off a strong previous season as they continue to be competitors in both the Shoreline Conference and the State Tournament. They have begun the season's tough schedule with a record of 3-1-0.

#### Cross Country

The boys and girls xc teams are off to a very strong start. The girls team came in 1st for the second time this season and the boys came in 2nd. Their next meets are on 9/26.

#### Correspondence

The following correspondence was submitted to the Board of Education:

- Middletown Agricultural Science and Technology Center – Consulting Committee Invitation

### **III. MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Baker/Sultini**

**“Move to approve the September 10, 2019, regular meeting minutes, as presented ”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (5-0-0)**

### **IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans

Each year, the district is required to submit the teacher, and administrator evaluation plans to the state for approval **if** a substantive change has occurred since the prior year. Once the permission is given by the state, we must present the plans to the Board of Education for a formal vote to adopt the documents.

The plan is reviewed on an annual basis by the PDEC Committee, which is made up of Teachers and Administrators. This year it was not necessary to submit the plans to the state because there were no substantive changes to the teacher or administrator evaluation plans. The plans remain the same for the 2019-2020 evaluation cycle.

## Student Data Presentation & Theory of Action for Advancing Learning

Connecticut summative assessment results were made available earlier than usual this year, allowing for productive reflection and goal-setting to occur during the summer months. Director Goss Susan McElhone, English Language Arts Instructional Leader, and Stacie Anderson, Mathematics Instructional Leader, presented districtwide summative assessment data. They also shared the work that resulted from an examination of that data and collaboration between the District Leadership Team and the Instructional Leadership Team.

Overall, summative assessment data showed a positive trend across the district, particularly in mathematics. Additionally, the reflective collaboration generated by the data resulted in a robust series of action steps and the creation of Old Saybrook Public Schools' **Theory of Action for Advancing Learning**. Ms. Goss and Instructional Leaders shared details at the meeting. Highlights from the presentation include:

- Old Saybrook's 2019 Smarter Balanced Assessment **achievement** in both English language arts and mathematics is **substantially stronger than the Connecticut average**.
- Old Saybrook's **achievement gains** in both mathematics and English/Language Arts are more than **three times the Connecticut average**.
- Old Saybrook's **Growth Rate** in English language arts and mathematics is **roughly 20% better than the state average**.
- Old Saybrook's **Growth Rate** in English language arts and mathematics **has improved significantly** since 2015-16, while the **state's average growth rate has declined** during the same period.

For the full presentation, please click the link: [Student Data Presentation](#).

## Field Lighting Update

Superintendent Perruccio, Director Pendleton, and several Board Members attended the regularly scheduled Zoning Committee Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019. At this meeting, First Selectman Fortuna provided a presentation by Musco Lighting about lighting various fields throughout Old Saybrook, including fields that are part of Old Saybrook Public Schools, and discussed the possibility of changing local ordinance language. Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton elaborated on the presentation that was given at this meeting. Superintendent Perruccio stated that a survey of neighbors of the turf field has been primarily positive.

## **V. REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION**

Kathleen E. Goodwin – Principal Sutman elaborated about the Goodwin reading program in partnership with Acton Library.

Old Saybrook Middle School – Principal Bauchman clarified the advisory structure for students at the middle school.

Old Saybrook High School – Principal Riffle talked about the reusable snack bag initiative. The goal is to make one bag for every student and teacher at the high school. Principal Riffle also talked about the Old Saybrook Swim Cooperative with Old Lyme and Valley Regional.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment – Director Goss and Director Bai elaborated on Restorative Practices training that is being undertaken by the District paraeducators. Associate Principal Anastasio spoke about where the District is regarding implementation of Restorative Practices.

Operations, Facilities and Finance – There was no additional report.

Pupil and Professional Services – Director Bai spoke about the role of the behavioral consultant that comes to District once a month. Director Bai also stated that the District has hired two part time social workers.

Superintendent of Schools – Superintendent Perruccio elaborated about the process for volunteering in our buildings and the screening process for volunteering in the District. She stated that she and Mr. Sutman held a meeting for the interested volunteers to speak about District philosophies, mission, rules and regulations. Superintendent Perruccio also spoke about her recent demonstration with First Selectman Fortuna to an English in Action High School class. Superintendent Perruccio spoke about the District pilot of Grammarly for staff who are doing outward facing communication.

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

Budget and Fiscal Committee – There is a meeting scheduled for October 15, 2019.

CABE – CABE is working on a self-assessment of the organization.

Facilities – There was no report.

LEARN – There was no report.

Strategic Planning Committee – Discussions about the next Strategic Plan have begun.

Demographics – There was no report.

Personnel – The fall self-evaluation has been moved to November 12.

Policy – There is a meeting scheduled for October 8, 2019.

Chairman's Report – There was no report.

## **VII. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**

### Audience of Citizens

No audience members addressed the Board of Education

## **VIII. REMINDERS**

- KGS – Open House – September 26 – 5:00-8:00PM
- OSHS – Financial Aid Night – October 3 - 6:30PM
- District – Professional Development Half Day – October 4
- KGS – Fall Festival – October 6 – 11:00AM
- OSHS – Ram Boosters – October 7 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Touchdown Club Meeting – October 8 – 6:30PM
- District – Board of Education Recognition Reception – October 8 – 6:15PM
- District – Board of Education Meeting – October 8 – 7:00PM

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Baker/Sultini**

**“Move to adjourn at 8:43PM”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (5-0-0)**

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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