

Old Saybrook Board of Education
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Eileen Baker
Cindy Sultini
Tara Barros
Jim Henderson
Karina Julius
Jan Furman
George Chang

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
Krista Bauchman, Old Saybrook Middle School Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barros called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

There were no comments made to the Board of Education.

Reports from the Student Representatives

Activites

Fall Chamber Music Concert

On October 17th, the Old Saybrook High School music department hosted its annual fall chamber music concert.

PSAT Day

On October 16th, the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors of Old Saybrook High School took the Practice Standardized Aptitude Test, more commonly known by its acronym PSAT. For juniors, the test also serves as the National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test, for individuals to potentially qualify for scholarships.

Fall Play Update

Old Saybrook High School's drama program will perform its fall play, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, from November 7th through November 9th. These shows will come as a successor to the autism awareness discussion being held at the High School from 7 to 9 p.m. on November 6th.

Vaping Seminar

On October 22nd there was a student led seminar regarding the dangers of vaping at Old Saybrook High School. Classroom discussions followed the seminar. There will be a buy back of e-cigarette devices on October 23rd.

Sports

Boy's Soccer

Boys soccer had their Senior Day on October 17. They tied Valley Regional at 3-3.

Girl's Soccer

The girls had a game on October 12 against Haddam-Killingworth. They lost 3-2.

Football

The football team had a rough loss against Gilbert Northwestern. The final score was 24-21.

Field Hockey

Girls field hockey recently had a game against Valley Regional. The girls lost with a score of 2-1.

Cross Country

Boys and Girls cross country had a week off from meets as they gear up for their shoreline and state championship meets in 2 weeks.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was submitted to the Board of Education:

- Personal Correspondence from Kathy Bai

III. MEETING MINUTES

Baker/Henderson

“Move to approve the October 8, 2019, regular meeting minutes, as presented ”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Honduras Trip Presentation

Honduras Trip members: Carrington Hartt, Eliza Scherber, Megan Kapij, Ian Mason, Mackenzie Cart, Kayla Holt, Griffin Noack, Brett Bjorkman, Chloe Ellinas, Kristina Alsante, Kate Heiden, Tristan Novakowski, and Selah Nobile gave a short overview of their trip to Honduras in July 2019. The advisors for this team were Amber Scherber,

Michelle Zimmerlin, and Shayne Muñoz.

- **Who participated:** 13 students (10 females and 3 males) and 3 chaperones (1 male and 2 female) participated in the expedition.
- **Costs:** The cost for each student was \$3308.81 for the trip, flight, meals, diving certification and dive equipment.
- **Fundraisers:** Sold shares of the trip, Munsons Chocolate sales, Closest to the Pin Contest, Light Bulb sales, Presentations and applications to local community groups: Rotary, Lions Club, Education Foundation. Students were able to raise an average of \$425.00 per person to bring the total costs to: \$2883.81 for the two-week expedition
- **Departure/Return:** The group left on July 16, 2019, from Old Saybrook High School to LaGuardia at 1:00AM to go to Texas and from Texas, directly to Roatan. The expedition began on July 17th. Then the group went back to Roatan and flew from there to Texas and then back to Laguardia on July 30th.
- **Student to Chaperone Ratio: 4:1****Chaperones:** Amber Scherber, Michelle Zimmerlin, Shane Munoz
- **Transportation:** While in the United States, the transportation was provided by Limousine bus and once in Honduras, transfers were by transport vans and ferry. Students were dropped off and picked up from Old Saybrook High School at the start and end of the expedition.
- **Medical information:** This information was submitted to the school nurse in advance of the trip, and to Operation Wallacea in accordance with its own policies. Mrs. Scherber maintained a copy of all the medical forms while on expedition. Medical professionals were on staff at both sites during the expedition.

Education Foundation Presentation

The Old Saybrook Education Foundation is an organization that supports students and programming throughout the District. At the Board Meeting on October 22nd, representatives from the Education Foundation presented their goals for the year and described ways they have been involved with Old Saybrook Public Schools in the past. The Education Foundation also discussed how the organization raises money for their initiatives through various fundraising events and how the money is used for programs in Old Saybrook Public Schools.

Letter of Disclosure

The Board received a memo from employee Julie Pendleton, Director of Operations, Facilities and Finance indicating that there are vendors for whom the district does business that employ members of her family. Her letter of disclosure, dated October 22, 2019, indicates that members of her family continue to be employed in the equivalent capacity by the same vendors who do business with the school district. The Town Code of Ethics and the Old Saybrook Town Charter, as well as past consultations with the District's attorney, determined this letter of notification meets disclosure requirements and that no further action is required.

V. REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

Kathleen E. Goodwin – Superintendent Perruccio elaborated on the Activities Club and its purpose.

Old Saybrook Middle School – The pit orchestra for the Middle School musical will be made up of Old Saybrook High School musicians.

Old Saybrook High School – There was no additional report.

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

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

Pupil and Professional Services – Director Bai discussed the anxiety screenings for lower grade students, how the results are given, and resources available for parents to help their child.

Superintendent of Schools – Superintendent Perruccio discussed some of the legislation that may be coming forward this year, specifically student start times.

VI. REPORTS BY BOARD COMMITTEES/LIAISONS

Budget and Fiscal Committee – The committee is working on the budget presentation.

CABE – CABE is working on a strategic plan.

Facilities – There was no report.

LEARN – LEARN is working with Superintendents on cooperative bidding for transportation.

Strategic Planning Committee – There was no report.

Demographics – There was no report.

Personnel – November 12th will be the Fall Leadership Meeting. It will begin at 5:00PM.

Policy – There is a policy committee meeting coming up on October 29th.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Barros reported that elections for Board Officers are coming up in the fall and will be a topic at the Board Fall Leadership Meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Baker/Furman

“Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:02PM for the purpose of discussing negotiations and potential real estate acquisition”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton into Executive Session.

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:59PM.

Julius/Furman

“Move to approve the Old Saybrook Education Association Contract, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

IX. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No audience members addressed the Board of Education

X. REMINDERS

- OSHS – Blood Drive – October 25
- BOE – Policy Committee Meeting – October 29 – 6:00PM
- KGS – Costume Parade – October 31 – 10:15-10:45AM & 2:15-3:15PM
- OSHS – Lose Your Locks for Luke – November 3 – 2:30-6:00PM
- KGS – Food Drive – November 4
- OSHS – Touchdown Club Meeting – November 5 – 6:30PM
- KGS – PTA Meeting – November 6 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Fall Play – November 7-9
- District – Veterans’ Day Programs – November 11
- OSHS – Ram Boosters Meeting – November 11
- District – Board of Education Meeting – November 12 – 5:00PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Sultini

“Move to adjourn at 9:00PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting