

OLD SAYBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Tara Barros
Karina Julius
Karen Brodeur
Eileen Baker
Alan Hyla
George Chang
Cindy Sultini (Arrived at 6:32PM)
Jan Furman
Jim Henderson

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Operations, Facilities and Finance
David LaMay, Chairman of the Board of Finance
Carol Rzasa, Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance
Thomas Stevenson, Board of Finance
Donna Nucci, Board of Finance (Arrived at 6:59PM)
Barry O’Nell, Board of Finance
Paul Carver, Board of Finance
Rick Swan, Board of Finance
Gerri Lewis, Board of Finance Secretary
Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Lee Ann Palladino, Old Saybrook Finance Director
Matt Pugliese, Selectman

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barros called the joint meeting to order at 6:29PM.

II. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton presented an amended 2020-2021 academic calendar, highlighting a single change, which moves April vacation to the week of April 12, 2021, in an effort to be more in line with the regional academic calendar.

The Board discussed amendments to the calendar approval process for subsequent years.

Baker/Sultini

“Move to approve the 2020-2021 academic calendar, as amended”

MOTION: CARRIED (5-4-0)

Board Members Chang, Brodeur, Furman, and Julius opposed the motion.

III. JOINT WORKSHOP WITH BOARD OF FINANCE

2020-2021 Proposed Board of Education Budget Discussion

Superintendent Perruccio, Director Pendleton, and Director Goss gave a presentation to the Board of Finance regarding the Board of Education’s budget proposal for 2020-

2021. Among other things, Superintendent Perruccio outlined the District's Theory of Action and explained how that theory ties into the District's budget. Director Goss elaborated on how the Theory of Action has worked to improve classroom instruction, detailing academic gains in Math and English across standard state assessments. Director Goss and Superintendent Perruccio also discussed how improved scores have tied into this year's Next Generation Accountability Scores, which has Old Saybrook ranked as 9th in state. Superintendent Perruccio continued the presentation, highlighting reduced tuition in the Early Childhood Program and additional resources that would be needed to support Old Saybrook's changing demographics. Director Pendleton highlighted the District's per pupil expenditure figure against other regional school Districts and the state average. Director Pendleton also discussed proposed capital maintenance projects.

The Board of Education's budget proposal represents a .98% increase over last year's budget.

The Board of Finance asked questions related to construction services, capital maintenance, state mandates, early childhood program, health insurance, and magnet school enrollment.

The Board of Finance adjourned and exited at 7:49PM.

For the full presentation, please use the following links:

- [2020-2021 Superintendent's Budget Proposal Presentation](#)

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brodeur/Furman

“Move to enter into executive session at 7:57pm for the purpose of discussing confidential documents regarding collective bargaining for the Paraeducators' Union”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

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

V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 7:59PM.

Hyla/Furman

“Move to approve the Paraeducators' Union Memorandum of Understanding, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Furman

“Move to adjourn at 8:02PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

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