

Board of Education Office
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met remotely in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Tara Barros
Jim Henderson
Karina Julius (Arrived at 7:16PM)
Alan Hyla
George Chang
Karen Brodeur
Jan Furman
Eileen Baker
Cindy Sultini

Others

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Student Representative Report

The student representatives delivered a report on the following topics:

- Virtual Senior Awards Night
 - The representatives reported that it was the best way to conduct the event given digital constraints.
 - Underclassmen awards are taking place on June 9 and June 10.
- Graduation Plans
 - The ceremony is planned for June 16. The event will be partially pre-recorded with a diploma ceremony.
 - The event will be followed by a parade and police escort.
- Summative Thoughts on the Year
 - The representatives discussed their final thoughts on the year. In particular, they discussed their experiences as Board Representatives and completing their senior year via online classrooms and digital meetings.

Chairman Barros welcomed the prospective Board Representatives for 2020-2021.

III. MINUTES

Baker/Furman

“Move to approve May 26, 2020, regular meeting minutes, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

IV. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

2020-2021 Tuition

The 2020-2021 Board of Education Operating Budget has been approved; therefore, the out-of-district tuition needs to be established for both the regular education program and our Special Education inclusion program. This amount will be payable to the Old Saybrook Board of Education for approved non-resident students attending Old Saybrook Schools.

The tuition is calculated based on a formula similar to the State Department of Education's Net Current Expenditure Per Pupil. The regular education tuition is the result of reducing the approved 2020-2021 operating budget by special education and transportation expenses and then divided by the anticipated enrollment. The approved regular education tuition for 2019-2020 is \$17,400 and is proposed at \$18,900 for 2020-2021. This is an increase of \$1,500. This graph shows the approved regular education tuition rates over time. The fluctuation of increases is a result of changes in enrollment, special education, and transportation expenses as well as overall budget increases.

If a student requires additional services while remaining in the classroom setting, we have calculated a Special Education inclusion rate. This rate is based on the total dollars spent in special education from both appropriated funds and non-budget/grant funds. Special Education transportation and out placement tuition costs are removed and the in-district result is divided by anticipated special education enrollment. This per pupil amount is then added to our regular education rate and the special education administrative costs. The current 2019-2020 Special Education inclusion rate is \$49,100 and is proposed to remain the same for 2020-2021.

If an out-of-district student is going to be placed in a self-contained program or requires extraordinary services, the rate would be calculated on a case by case basis due to the extensive nature of services required.

Transportation will not be provided for any out of district students attending Old Saybrook Schools.

Hyla/Furman

“Move to approve the 2020-2021 regular education tuition rate at \$18,900”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

Baker/Furman

“Move to approve the 2020-2021 special education tuition rate at \$49,100”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

2020-2021 Lunch Prices

After careful review of our food service program with Maureen Nuzzo, Food Service Director, regarding school lunch prices for the 2020-21 school year, it is our recommendation that all prices remain the same for the upcoming school year.

We have kept our program a self-sustaining program by supplementing the income to the program with internal and external catering. This year we have not had any income since March for catering however, the program allowed us to continue serving students during the school months and we have been able to supplement our loss of revenue from catering by providing the grab and go meals during the COVID19 shutdown funded by the National School lunch program reimbursements.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Old Saybrook High School:		
Lunch	\$3.75	\$3.75
Lunch Alternate	\$4.75	\$4.75
Breakfast	\$2.75	\$2.75
Old Saybrook Middle School:		
Lunch	\$3.50	\$3.50
Breakfast	\$2.25	\$2.25
Kathleen E. Goodwin:		
Lunch	\$3.25	\$3.25
Breakfast	\$2.00	\$2.00
St. John's School		
Lunch	\$3.75	\$3.75
Breakfast	\$2.75	\$2.75
Milk	\$.65	\$.65

In addition to the items noted above, we have continued to fund our food services through program grants that we have received from the state during the shutdown. The total amount received from April and May is \$119,363, which is a significant increase over anticipated revenues. The total payroll expenses through this period totals \$35,290. Food costs have totaled approximately \$23,000 to date. Food costs were kept low because of the availability of usable food products that we had accumulated prior to the shutdown.

Furman/Sultini

“Move to approve the 2020-2021 lunch prices, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

World Language Program Modifications

At the Board of Education meeting on June 9, 2020, Director Goss and Old Saybrook High School Teacher Manon Zumbaum presented on ways to strengthen World Language education in Old Saybrook Public Schools.

The goals of the program modifications are as follows:

- Ensure that all students receive equal access to an excellent foundation in foreign language instruction for 5 years (Kindergarten – Grade 4).
- Retain one highly-qualified teacher who “owns” the Spanish program at Goodwin.

For the full presentation, please follow the link: [World Language Program Modifications](#)

Baker/Julius

“Move to approve the changes to the district’s World Language program, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

V. REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

Kathleen E. Goodwin – Principal Sutman thanked his staff and the families for their partnership during distance learning.

Old Saybrook Middle School – Dr. Bauchman thanked her staff, the Board of Education, and the families for their partnership during distance learning. She added that the promotion ceremony for the 8th grade will take place on June 16th. She offered some of the details of the plan for that ceremony.

Old Saybrook High School – Principal Riffle thanked the high school students for their hard work and flexibility during distance learning.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment – Director Goss reported that there are 140 students signed up for Summer Enrichment courses.

Operations, Facilities, and Finance – Director Pendleton thanked the Board and her staff for their support. Director Pendleton also discussed some of the changes and modifications that have taken place to prepare for staff returning to offices and students returning to school in the fall.

Pupil and Professional Services – Director Bai reported that special education students are adjusting to distance learning to the best of their ability, and there have been several lessons learned for the department. She added that some students are thriving under current conditions.

Superintendent of Schools – Superintendent Perruccio thanked the entire staff for their hard work. In particular, Superintendent Perruccio thanked the teachers’ union executive board and the District Leadership Team. Jan also thanked the community for their trust and support. The Superintendent elaborated on the Summer Enrichment program.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brodeur/Furman

“Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:45PM for the purpose of discussing a non-certified, non-union contract and letter of employment”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio into the Executive Session.

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:58PM.

Furman/Hyla

“Move to approve the non-certified/non-union contract, as presented.”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

VIII. REMINDERS

- District – Board of Education Special Meeting – June 11, 2020 – 6:00PM
- OSMS Virtual Graduation - June 16, 2020
- OSHS Commencement – June 16, 2020
- All Events and Meetings May be Cancelled or Conducted Remotely

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Furman

“Move to adjourn at 9:02PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting