

Board of Education Office
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Tara Barros
Jim Henderson
Eileen Baker
Cindy Sultini
George Chang
Karen Brodeur (Arrived at 7:06PM)
Jan Furman
Alan Hyla

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Kathy Bai, Director of Pupil and Professional Services
Julie Pendleton, Director of Operations, Facilities, and Finance
Sheila Riffle, Principal of Old Saybrook High School
Joseph Anastasio, Associate Principal of Old Saybrook High School
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 7:03 PM.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

District Celebrations

The Board recognized Nick Barros and Jayson Rankin for their participation in the Connecticut State Police Academy's State Police Youth Week.

Chairman Barros recognized and honored Eileen Baker and Karen Brodeur for 30 and 26 years of service to the Old Saybrook Board of Education, respectively.

First Selectman Fortuna spoke about the importance of volunteerism. He thanked Board Member Baker and Board Member Brodeur for their years of excellent service to education in Old Saybrook.

Superintendent Perruccio also thanked Board Member Baker and Brodeur for their service on behalf of the Administration and all students, past and present.

Student Report

Activities

Chorus Day Concert - The annual chorus day concert occurred on December 5th, at 7:00. This concert joined every chorus student from 6th-12th grade on one stage. This concert shows the progression that these students make during their time in the program. At the end of the concert, which had 220 students, they all joined together to sing holy night.

Wreaths Across America - On Tuesday, December 10th, Old Saybrook High School is hosting the organization, Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America is a convoy escorted by Patriot Guard Riders on route to Arlington National Cemetery where they intend to lay wreaths on the graves of millions of soldiers.

Open House/Activity Fair - During the school day on December 6th, many Old Saybrook High School students visited Old Saybrook Middle School to run the annual activity fair for the eighth graders. This event serves as an opportunity for current eighth graders to get a glimpse of life at the High school and promote congruency between Old Saybrook Middle School and Old Saybrook High School.

Sports

Winter Sports Start - On Wednesday, December 6th, the schools within the CIAC began their winter sports seasons.

Superintendent Perruccio added that a selection of Goodwin students sang the national anthem at a recent event honoring Vietnam veterans. She also added that a jazz ensemble from Old Saybrook High School played at the MSSA Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented to the Board of Education:

- December CABA Liaison Newsletter

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-1-0)

Board Member Henderson voted against the motion.

IV. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Capstone Guidebook Presentation

Sarah Fawcett and Kristen Hunter, Old Saybrook High School’s Capstone Coordinators, presented updates to the Capstone Project. The goal of the Capstone Project is that all students demonstrate attainment of the qualities of Old Saybrook’s Profile of a Graduate. Capstone Projects illustrate that graduates know themselves, welcome challenges, and apply what they have learned.

Updates to the Capstone Project are informed by recent years' experiences and input from students and teachers. In alignment with Goal #2 of the strategic plan, there is a new emphasis on connecting Capstone to post-secondary interests, internships, and community service. Additionally, there are deepening connections between the Capstone Project and the 21st-century skills developed and assessed by Old Saybrook Schools. Finally, there is a shift from a traditional research paper to a synthesized argument, with personalized options for communicating students' learning to an authentic audience.

In subsequent years, the team plans to grow the Capstone Project to include broader faculty involvement and use of the 21st-century skills rubrics for self-reflection and assessment. Further, the emphasis on the attainment of 21st-century skills will increase as students are encouraged to pursue projects connected to their post-secondary aspirations, internships, and individual passions.

Safe School Climate Presentations

Each year climate surveys are administered to students, parents and staff. Building Principals Riffle, Bauchman, and Sutman, as well as various teachers and students from each school, shared data from this year's survey on behalf of their staff and the members of their respective school's climate committee. The results of the surveys have led to building level goals and school climate plans. All school climate plans will be posted to the district website on each school's respective website.

For the full presentation, please use the following links:

- [Old Saybrook Public Schools Climate Presentation](#)

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No audience members addressed the Board of Education.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sultini/Hyla

“The Board voted to enter executive session and invited Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton into the executive session for the purpose of providing information to the Board concerning the agenda items to be discussed in executive session.”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:03PM.

VIII. REMINDERS

- OSMS – 7&8 Grade Chorus – December 11 – 7:00PM
- OSMS – Swing Dance – December 13 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Select Ensembles – December 15 – 5:00PM
- OSMS – PTO Craft Fair – December 16
- OSHS – NHS Induction – December 16 – 7:00PM
- OSMS – Grade 6 Winter Band – December 18 – 7:00PM
- District – Holiday Break – December 23 – January 1
- KGS – PTA Meeting – January 2 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – RAM Boosters Meeting – January 6 – 7:00PM
- District – Budget and Fiscal Committee – January 7 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PAC Meeting – January 8 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – January 8 – 7:00PM
- District – Facilities Committee Meeting – January 9 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – Winter Band Concert – January 9 – 7:30PM
- District – Budget and Fiscal Committee – January 14 – 6:00PM
- District – Board of Education Meeting – January 14 – 7:00PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Furman

“Move to adjourn at 10:03PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

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