

Board of Education Office
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met remotely in a Regular Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

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

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Operations, Facilities, and Finance
Amity Goss, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Kathy Bai, Pupil and Professional Services
Sheila Riffle, OSHS Principal
Krista Bauchman, OSMS Principal
Heston Sutman, OSGS Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Student Representative Report

Freshman Orientation

Link crew led freshman orientation on Wednesday, August 26th. While there were many restrictions on which activities the link leaders could take part in, they were still able to lead team-building activities while remaining socially distant and wearing masks.

The Start of Hybrid Learning

Tuesday, September 1, marked the first day of school and cohort 1 carried out a day at the school in-person while cohort 2 stayed online. Students attending online are required to tune-in to a Google Meet and listen in on the class from home. All students were provided and are required to bring laptops. Students were successful in logging on to the Google Meets at the high school level. One way hallways were a success! Some students reported struggling to hear teachers when at home through the google meet. It was also hard to have discussions with students at home and in the classroom because students at home can not hear the students in the classroom.

E3's "Crafty Connections"

This summer, the E3 program held a number of online seminars that walked elementary and middle school students through various crafts like towel animals, friendship bracelets, and dream catchers. Senior Jacob Schneider applied and was accepted for a grant from America's Promise in order to buy Zoom for Youth and Family Services so that there is no time limit on the meetings. These meetings will continue to take place every week in person for the next few weeks.

Sports

The CIAC allowed students back to the field starting on Saturday, August 29th. The CIAC has guidelines and timelines in place to allow students to go back slowly and safely. Currently, the CIAC is in phase 1 of practices, with cohorts of 10 until September 21st. As of now, competitions will be starting on October 1st.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence addressed to the Board of Education.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Baker/Henderson

“Move to approve the special meeting minutes from August 25, 2020, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Opening Day Report

The Superintendent gave an overview of the opening week report and answered questions from the Board of Education related to the written reports presented by Administrators at each school and central office.

For the full report, please follow the link: [2020-2021 Opening Week Report](#)

Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans

On August 11, 2020, Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona issued guidance about flexibilities to the educator evaluation requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. On August 24, 2020, our Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC) met to review the flexibilities and revise the district’s plan.

The Commissioner’s guidance offers limited flexibility. Primary changes include shorter, more frequent, classroom (virtual or physical) observations followed by written feedback focused on professional growth. Student learning goals will focus on social-emotional learning, student/family engagement, or academics, but remain aligned to school and district goals. Summative ratings have been waived for 2020-2021, but every educator must receive a narrative evaluation focused on strengths, weaknesses, and targeted areas for professional growth. Assistance and support plans for underperforming educators will continue in the usual manner.

A full summary of the changes can be found [here](#). The Professional Development and Evaluation Committee agreed to adopt all of the flexibilities for the 2020-2021 school year, pending Board of Education approval.

Student Enrollment

During budget preparation, our projected enrollment for October 1, 2020 was 1,094 (based on moving each class forward and comparing that with NESDEC Enrollment Projections) and as of the first enrollment report for September 2020, we have 1,086 students enrolled.

The Superintendent gave an overview and breakdown of our student population from last year to this year. We graduated approximately 120 students in 2019 and welcomed 45 students for this year's Kindergarten class. The remainder of the delta are students who are attending magnet schools, technical schools, private schools, are being homeschooled, or are ECP students who have temporarily withdrawn while school is open in a hybrid schedule.

Magnet School Enrollment

Currently, there are five students from Old Saybrook attending Magnet Schools. LEARN operates a number of magnet schools on behalf of southeastern Connecticut school districts. The Old Saybrook School District is responsible for tuition costs associated with student enrollment in an inter-district magnet program operated by a regional educational service center. The student's parent is responsible for transportation to the school. This year the district will pay tuition costs of \$6,070 each for four high school students attending the LEARN Marine Science Magnet High School. ACES is the RESC that operates the Educational Center for the Arts where we have one student attending a part-time program with a tuition cost of approximately \$5,467. This student will attend core academic classes at Old Saybrook High School. Last year, at this time there were three Old Saybrook students attending Magnet Schools and one student attending the part-time ACES program.

Additional costs are incurred by the school district for all special education services required by the student enrolled in a magnet school.

20-21 Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule for 2021 is as follows:

- January 12, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- January 26, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 9, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 23, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. (BOE/Superintendent Leadership Meeting)
- March 9, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 23, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

- April 6, 2021 @7:00 p.m.
- April 27, 2021 @7:00 p.m.
- May 11, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. (Superintendent’s Year in Review – Q&A)
- May 25, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. (Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation)
- June 8, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- June 22, 2021 @7:00 p.m. (If necessary)
- September 14, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- September 28, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 12, 2021 @7:00 p.m.
- October 26, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. (Fall Leadership Evaluation)
- November 9, 2021 @7:00 p.m.
- November 23, 2021 @7:00 p.m.
- December 14, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Baker/Furman

“Move to adopt the 2021 Board of Education meeting schedule, as proposed”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Board of Education Liaison List

Chairman Barros presented the Board of Education with the current Committee Liaison List. Chairman Barros stated that the Turf Field Subcommittee may need to continue to discuss the topic of field lights. The Board reviewed the list and determined that no changes needed to be made for the current academic year.

V. REMINDERS

- District – Board of Education Meeting – September 22 – 7:00PM
- District - Board of Education Special Meeting - October 6 - 7:00PM
- All Events and Meetings May be Cancelled or Conducted Remotely

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Sultini

“Move to adjourn at 8:11PM”

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