

OLD SAYBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Eileen Baker
Alan Hyla
Jim Henderson
George Chang
Karen Brodeur

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Operations, Facilities & Finance

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Chairman Kennedy introduced Alyssa Parker and Chris Thomson, the new Student Representatives to the Board of Education.

Superintendent Perruccio introduced Sarah Smalley, an intern working on her 093 certificate. She is currently the PPS Director in Region 4.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education

Board of Education Student Representatives

The Student Representatives to the Board of Education reported on the following topics:

- Fall Sports
 - Football record is 1-0
 - Boys Soccer is 1-0
 - Field Hockey is 1-1
 - Cross Country took Varsity Team to Invitational Meet in Martha's Vineyard
 - Dancers from OSHS went to a World Championship Tournament and placed 4th
- Camp Hazen
 - Majority of feedback has been positive
 - The Freshmen asked good, honest questions
- New Classes

- No longer a Geography and Civics class. Replaced by Global Citizenship
- English in Action is a new class and is very popular so far. There is also a community component to this class as well.
- Rearranged Classrooms
 - Reactions have been mixed
 - Not everyone understands why the classrooms have been rearranged
 - **Response from Superintendent Perruccio:** Some departments had been fractured in terms of location and one of the building goals is to have departments next to each other. Other classes were rearranged based on size and proximity to labs. The High School Administration can provide more information.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

- Shipman and Goodwin Newsletters
- Budget Update Letter from Senator Linares

Board Member Baker added that Bonnie Carney, a longstanding member of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, passed away unexpectedly.

Chairman Kennedy held a moment of silence for Bonnie Carney.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Henderson/Baker

“Move to approve the August 29, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (5-0-1)

Board Member Hyla abstained.

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Legislative Update/Suggested Policy Work

On June 20, 2017, Board Member Baker and Superintendent Perruccio updated the Board regarding the legislation being debated by the state. While some bills may still be in development, the following policies have been officially updated and will be taken up by the Board’s Policy Committee:

- Series 5000 Attendance and Truancy
- Series 5000 Restraint and Seclusion
- Series 5000 Student Discipline

There will also be changes made to the legislation regarding Graduation Requirements, though nothing has been published for discussion yet.

The Board has also directed the Superintendent to explore and possibly create a policy to address tuition for out of district students. This work will come to the policy committee prior to coming to the Board of Education.

Superintendent Perruccio also added that a policy and regulation will be brought to the Policy Committee for development regarding how student athletes are treated based on their participation on an athletic team or as part of a cooperative agreement with another district.

In addition, school districts have an obligation to provide annual notice to parents, students, and staff regarding Board of Education policies. To that end, Old Saybrook Public Schools provides notification/policy updates electronically in accordance with the laws regarding notification. Annual notifications will be sent out following the approval of updates to the aforementioned Series 5000 policies. All Board of Education policies are available on the district's website at www.oldsaybrookschoools.org under "Board of Education, Board Policies".

Student Enrollment and Staffing

Superintendent Perruccio reviewed student enrollment and highlighted changes for 2017. During budget preparation, the district's projected enrollment for October 1, 2017 was 1,258 and as of the first day of school on September 1, 2017, we have 1,271 students enrolled. Projections have been trending slightly lower than actual enrollment.

The high school has the largest class sizes right now, with incoming kindergarten classes at Goodwin having the smallest enrollment numbers. The disparity between the graduating class sizes and the incoming class enrollment numbers is the greatest factor in explaining declining enrollment across the district.

Superintendent Perruccio made a point to clarify that the enrollment projections used for the 2017-2018 academic year came from a formula developed by the New England School Development Council in December of 2015. The projected numbers are not based on year-to-year actuals from the district.

Magnet School Enrollment

Currently, there are eighteen students from Old Saybrook attending Magnet Schools. On behalf of southeastern Connecticut school districts, LEARN operates a number of magnet schools. 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. This year the district will pay tuition costs of \$7,956 (\$2,652 per student) for three students attending the Dual Language and Arts Magnet Middle School and \$5,980 each for thirteen high school student attending the

LEARN Marine Science Magnet High School. In addition, we have two students in grades 4 and 6 attending the New London Public Schools' Magnet. The tuition for these students is \$3,000 per student. Last year, at this time there were sixteen Old Saybrook students attending Magnet Schools.

Additional costs are incurred by the school district for all special education services required by the student enrolled in a magnet school. The student's parent is responsible for transportation to said magnet school.

School Facility Update

Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton reviewed all of the Facility and Safety Updates at each school with the Board of Education.

2017-2018 Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed a proposal for the 2018 Board of Education schedule. The 2018 Board of Education meeting schedule is as follows:

- January 9, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- January 23, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 27, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. (BOE/Superintendent Leadership Meeting)
- March 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 27, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 10, 2018 @7:00 p.m.
- April 24, 2018 @7:00 p.m.
- May 8, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. (Superintendent's Year in Review – Q&A)
- May 22, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. (Superintendent's Annual Evaluation)
- June 5, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- June 19, 2018 @7:00 p.m. (If necessary)
- September 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- September 25, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 9, 2018 @7:00 p.m.
- October 23, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. (Fall Leadership Evaluation)
- November 13, 2018 @7:00 p.m.
- November 27, 2018 @7:00 p.m.
- December 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Baker/Hyla

“Move to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-0)

School Messenger Board Member Enrollment

One of the communicative tools utilized by the District is School Messenger. School Messenger is the program the district uses to communicate to families. On a building level, School Messenger is used by Principals to send out building or grade specific information. At a District level, School Messenger is used to communicate districtwide information including school cancellations, delays, dismissals, and other time sensitive information.

A sign up form has been developed for any Board Member who is interested in having their email added to the School Messenger districtwide message distribution list. Inclusion in these communications is not required, but is a means of receiving additional information.

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

VI. REMINDERS

- OSHS Parent Action Council – September 13 - 6:00PM
- OSHS PTO Meeting – September 13 – 7:00PM
- OSMS Open House – September 14
- KGS PTO Movie/Ice Cream Night – September 15 – 6:00PM
- OSHS Back to School Dance – September 15 – 7:30PM
- OSHS College Fair – September 18 – 6:00PM
- OSHS Book Chats – September 21
- KGS Open House (Grade 2) – September 21 – 6:00PM
- KGS Open House (Grade 3) – September 21 – 7:00PM
- Meet and Greet with Dr. Bauchman – September 25 – 5:00-7:00PM
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 26, 2016 – 7:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to adjourn at 8:02PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting