

OLD SAYBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Jim Henderson
Karen Brodeur
Eileen Baker
Joanne Sullivan
Holly King

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Amity Goss, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Sheila Riffle, OSHS Principal
Krista Bauchman, OSMS Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education

Chairman Kennedy welcomed Dr. Bauchman, the new Old Saybrook Middle School Principal.

Chairman Kennedy also thanked Sarah Bernhardson and her 1st grade class for the new artwork in the Board Room.

Chairman Kennedy also thanked Eugene Zukowski and his Project Lead the Way class for a catapult display. A brief demonstration of the catapults was given by Charlie Carlo, one of the students responsible for the completed work.

Board of Education Student Representatives

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

- Sports
 - Boys Soccer: 9-0
 - Girls Soccer: 2-1-5
 - Field Hockey: 2-1-5
 - Football: 5-0
 - Cross Country: raced exceptionally well at the Wickham Invitational and they have a good shot at placing top 3 in States.

- Arts/Music
 - Band & Chorus shorelines
 - Two-day festival where singers and musicians from all across the shoreline come together and perform different pieces of music with a guest conductor
- Upcoming Events
 - Lose Your Locks with Luke
 - 10/21/17 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 - Chamber Music Night
 - 10/19/17 7 p.m. OSHS

Correspondence

There was no correspondence addressed to the Board of Education.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Brodeur/Sullivan

“Move to approve the September 26, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (5-0-1)

Board Member Baker abstained.

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

International Submarine Race Presentation

Four team members: Charlie Carlo, Matthew Alsante, Max Chupak, and Luke Duffy gave a short overview of the submarine races that took place in June/July of 2017. The students talked about the team, their experience, and what they learned. There was also a brief powerpoint of race photos that the students described. Each photo was accompanied by an educational anecdote. The International Submarine Races has been going on for 28 years and is held in the United States every other year. The advisors for this team are Fred Frese and Gretchen Bushnell. Mrs. Bushnell was also in attendance to answer questions.

Field Trip Request – CMEA All-State

The highly selective Connecticut Music Educators Association All-State festival is open to all students by audition. Students must audition for and be accepted to the Southern Region festival, and also attend that festival. Those students must then audition again for All-State, and only a small subset are chosen to participate.

Students in this festival rehearse in a band, orchestra, or chorus for three days, and then perform in a concert.

This year's event will be held in Hartford, at the Bushnell Theater, from March 30-April 1. The cost for each student is approximately \$300.00. Departure from Old Saybrook High School will be on Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 a.m. Students will return on Saturday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Brodeur/King

“Move to approve the CMEA All-State Music Festival field trip as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-0)

Field Trip Request – New England Music Festival

Each year, all students in the music program are given the option to independently prepare a solo or ensemble piece outside of class and to audition for acceptance to the NEMFA concert festival. While at this three-day event, our students will rehearse difficult music with students from other schools. There must be one teacher sent to the festival as a chaperone. The festival culminates in a concert. This year's festival is to be held in Burlington, CT at Lewis S. Mills High School from March 15-17. This will be Old Saybrook's twelfth consecutive year participating in the NEMFA festival.

The cost for each student will be \$92.00. Departure from Old Saybrook High School will be on Thursday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m. Students will return on Saturday, March 17.

Sullivan/Baker

“Move to approve New England Music Festival field trip as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-0)

Donation to Old Saybrook High School – Music Boosters

The Old Saybrook High School has been given the balance of a Music Boosters account that was run by parents. The balance of the account stands at \$10,048.92. The funds for this account will be placed in a newly created student activities account and the funds will be used for financial assistance for music students in need so they might attend auditions, festivals, and music field trips. A procedure for awarding assistance to students is currently being drafted in collaboration with building administrators.

According to Board of Education Policy Series 3000 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District, any gift valued over \$500.00 presented to the school district must be brought to the Board for official action and recognition.

Baker/Sullivan

“Move to approve the donation of \$10,048.92 for an Old Saybrook High School Student Activities Account”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-0)

Strategic Plan Update

Though the year has just begun, the administrative team submitted an update of the action items of the Strategic Plan that are currently underway. As the Board of Education will be meeting to conduct its annual Fall Leadership Meeting on October 26, 2017, the team felt this information was essential to share at this time.

The Board and Administration engaged in a discussion regarding how to communicate the strategic plan to students and how to develop an elevator pitch for the strategic plan.

Future CABA Legislative Update

The Board agreed that it would be helpful to have a representative from CABA come to a future board meeting and give an update to the Board a legislative update.

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

VI. REMINDERS

- OSHS - Fall Grinder Night for Student Athletes and Coaches – October 11 – 4:00-7:00PM
- OSHS – PAC Meeting – October 11 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – October 11 – 7:00PM
- KGS – PTA Book Fair – October 16
- OSMS – Parent Council Meeting – October 16 – 6:45PM
- OSMS – PTO Meeting – October 16 – 7:30PM
- OSHS – Fall Chamber Music and Small Groups Concert – October 19 – 7:30PM
- Education Foundation – An Evening by the Sea – October 20 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Lose Your Locks with Luke Fundraiser – October 21 – 1:00-4:00PM
- KGS – PTA Fall Festival – October 22 – 11:00AM-2:00PM
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 24 – 5:30 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Sullivan

“Move to adjourn at 8:42PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-0)

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