

Kathleen E. Goodwin School
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at the Kathleen E. Goodwin School, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Jim Henderson
Alan Hyla
Phil Broadhurst
George Chang
Eileen Baker
Karen Brodeur
Tara Barros

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Operations, Facilities & Finance
Amity Goss, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Sheila Riffle, OSHS Principal
Matt Walton, OSMS Associate Principal
Heston Sutman, Goodwin Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education

Board of Education Student Representatives

The Student Representatives submitted a written report to the Board of Education on the following topics:

- Past Events
 - Activities Fair
 - Great turnout, many 8th grade students and parents
 - Hart House Anniversary
 - A group of choir students performed carols
 - Jazz Band performed at Saybrook Point Inn
 - “A Tuba Christmas” Performance
 - Jingle Bell Run/Sweets with Santa
 - NHS and Interact Club members volunteered to conduct another successful run
 - New England Music Festival Auditions (12/9)
- Upcoming Events
 - Beauty and the Beast Auditions
 - Chamber “concert at the church” on 12/17

- NHS induction 12/20

Correspondence

The Board was given a draft of a flyer inviting parents and members of the community to presentations about the district strategic plan.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve the November 28, 2017, regular meeting minutes as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Kathleen E. Goodwin Spotlight Presentation- Number Corner

Kathleen E. Goodwin School Principal Heston Sutman, District Math Coach Megin Sechin, and Goodwin Teacher Katania Trudeau presented a detailed look at the Bridges Mathematics Program, specifically, Number Corner.

The full presentation can be found at the following link: [Bridges Mathematics Presentation](#)

Healthy Schools Checkup

The summative assessment presentation, Healthy Schools Checkup, focused on early longitudinal data from the Smarter Balanced Assessments, STAR Reading and Math Universal Screenings, and PSAT/SAT data. The results of the inaugural Next Generation Accountability Index for Connecticut were also shared to provide context.

While they do not provide a complete picture, our measures of math and English language arts progress are very important. There were both positive and negative trends. Overall, there are equal numbers of improved and declining scores across cohorts of students. Old Saybrook's growth is more aggressive than the state average and in some places our achievement is significantly higher, ranking 19th out of 201 districts across the state. In areas where our achievement is similar or less than the state average, we've worked with teacher teams to determine both the causes and the appropriate interventions.

The full presentation can be found at the following link: [Healthy Schools Checkup](#)

Ad Hoc Committee – Demographics and Enrollment

The charge of the Ad Hoc Demographics and Enrollment Committee is to study and review demographic enrollment projections across the state and in our town and to consider their impact on Old Saybrook Public Schools. In addition, the committee will research practices being utilized both in and outside of Connecticut to mitigate the effect of these changes, including: projections for cost, potential revenue, impact on climate and culture, and time needed to implement them. The Committee should be prepared to present periodic updates to the Board of Education. By December of 2018, the Committee should be prepared to recommend short term, mid range and long term goals to the full Board of Education.

The members of the Ad Hoc Demographics and Enrollment Committee are as follows:

- Tara Barros – Chairman
- George Chang

2017-2018 Budget Update

The District has reviewed monthly expenditures to date and the most significant changes occurred in Special Education Expenditures. There were several expenses that were finalized and encumbered in November which has resulted in deficits in the tuition and transportation totaling \$391,805.

In a typical year, this deficit would be reimbursed through the special education excess cost grant however, it is uncertain if any funding will be received to offset this deficit. The District is preparing to receive no grant funds for these expenditures, therefore; steps have been taken to prepare for these funds being eliminated. This is the most conservative approach.

The District has instituted a hiring freeze for most positions. The District has encumbered and frozen technology and capital accounts to cover potential shortfalls if needed. Finally, year end funds were returned last fiscal year to the town in anticipation of the reduction of excess cost funds in this fiscal year. The District would need to request the use of some or all of these funds cover these expenditures.

Currently, facilities are in very good shape. There was a small repair to the turf field caused by settling that has occurred over the past two years. It will cost \$3,500 to make this repair. The repair will be done in early spring.

The heating season has begun and there have been fewer issues than in the past. One of the contributing factors has been the automated controls that were installed two years ago which have enabled the District to manage heating and cooling issues better.

2018-2019 Academic Calendar

The calendar committee has met to discuss the proposed calendar for the 2018-2019 academic year. Multiple points of view were considered. The legislation regarding the regional calendar has been relaxed, but two regional professional development days are still included. A summary of the calendar is as follows:

- August 27, & 28, 2018 First Days for Teachers
- August 29, 2018- First Day of School for Students
- September 3, 2018- Labor Day
- October 8, 2018- Columbus Day
- November 5 & 6, 2018 PD days
- November 21, 22 & 23, 2018- Thanksgiving Break
- December 24-January 1, 2019- Winter Break
- February 18 & 19, 2019- February Break
- March 11, 2019- Regional PD
- April 15-19, 2019- Spring Break
- May 27, 2019- Memorial Day

Also included are the seven half days for professional development and three built in cancellation days.

Brodeur/Baker

“Move to approve the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Professional Development Feedback

Superintendent Perruccio provided her written report on three professional development opportunities in which she took part. The Board reviewed the reports.

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

VI. REMINDERS

- OSHS – Parent Action Council – December 13 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – December 13 – 7:00PM

- KGS – Trombones of the Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra – December 14 - 9:15AM & 10:15AM
- 1st Church of Christ Congregational Church – Select Ensembles – December 17 - 5:00PM
- OSHS – National Honor Society Induction – December 18 - 6:30PM
- OSMS – Winter Band Concert – December 20 - 7:00PM
- OSHS/OSMS – Winter Concert – December 22 - 8:00AM
- KGS – PTA Meeting – January 2 – 7:00PM
- District – Professional Development Half Day – January 5
- OSHS – Junior College Planning Night – January 8 – 6:30PM
- OSHS – RAM Booster Meeting – January 8 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Parent Night – January 9 – 6:30-8:30PM
- Budget and Fiscal Meeting – January 9 – 6:00PM
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 9 – 7:00PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Barros

“Move to adjourn at 8:57PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting