

Board of Education Office
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Jim Henderson
Eileen Baker
Phil Broadhurst
George Chang
Karen Brodeur
Jan Furman
Tara Barros

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Amity Goss, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Kathy Bai, Dir. Pupil and Professional Services
Sheila Riffle, Old Saybrook High School Principal
Krista Bauchman, Old Saybrook Middle School Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

A citizen from the audience expressed concern over her opinion that the Board had not been given full details regarding an alleged incident that took place between her son and a teacher at Old Saybrook Middle School. She offered to disclose additional details to the Board. The citizen also requested the opportunity to meet with the Board privately.

A member of the audience stated that district records regarding an alleged incident that took place between his son and a teacher at Old Saybrook Middle School were incomplete and inaccurate. He asked if the full police report and DCF report had been made available to the Board.

A citizen from the audience stated that she had not received answers from the Board or from the Administration regarding questions she had posed in open session at previous Board Meetings. She stated that her son has been out of the classroom where an alleged incident took place between a student and a teacher at Old Saybrook Middle School for six weeks.

The Superintendent asked if a letter with responses had been received by this citizen from the audience. She offered to meet with any of the parents.

A citizen from the audience, whose son witnessed the alleged incident between a classmate and a teacher at Old Saybrook Middle School, stated that parents should have the right to know about the alleged incident and that the students who witnessed the event should be offered the proper guidance and resources to help them process what they saw and experienced.

Chairman Kennedy stated that the Board is an entity and only receives comment during audience of citizens, but that a lack of immediate response does not mean that the comments are not taken seriously and will not be investigated further.

Board of Education Student Representatives

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

Arts

- Musical rehearsals are in full swing
- OSW choral festival (Thursday 2/8)
 - Great turnout
 - Impressive performances by OSHS Chamber Singers and WHS “Kina Mama”
- Chamber choir performing with *Will and Anthony* at the Kate (Friday 2/9)
- Band Day performance with OSMS approaching

Sports

- Boys/Girls Track – Shoreline Conference Champions
 - Girls had a total of eight first place finishes in throwing, jumping, and relays
 - Boys had a total of eleven first place finishes
 - States meet was Saturday, February 10th at Hillhouse High School
 - CIAC Class S State Champions and *set a new school record!* Girls 4X8
 - Tehra Givehand
 - Emily Stratton
 - Jessica Stratton
 - Grace Hanratty
 - CIAC Class S State Champions! Boys 4X8
 - Eric Sultini
 - Xavier Rios
 - Cooper Luciani
 - Luke Hanratty
 - CIAC Class S State Runners-Up and *set a new school record!* Boys 4X200
 - Jalen Johnson
 - Carlos Chacon
 - Max Thomas
 - Danny Almada
 - CIAC Class S State Champion and *set a new school record!* Pole Vault

- Tyra Finkeldey (11'1")
- CIAC Class S State Runners-Up and *set a new school record* Girls Sprint Medley
 - Dylan Adams
 - Tyra Finkeldey
 - Allison Cody
 - Jessica Stratton
- Girls Basketball: 7-11 (need 1 more win to make the state tournament)
 - Senior night was on 2/9 vs. East Hampton
- Boys Basketball: 12-4
 - Shane Henderson approaching his 1,000th point

Other

- School climate survey administered on 2/5/18 and 2/6/18
- Oxford University guest speaker:
 - Operation Wallacea
 - Marine biology modern technology/goals
- Class updates presentation by Ms. Riffle and Mr. Anastasio
- SHED Writing conference submissions are in

Correspondence

The following correspondence was sent to the Board of Education:

- The Rambler – OSHS Newspaper
- HOCON Gas Informational Packet

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Baker requested that Series 5000 Graduation Requirements be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Brodeur/Broadhurst

“Move to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Unified Physical Education Course Proposal

James Hespeler, Physical Education Teacher, and Katelyn Livingston, Health and P.E. Instructional Leader, shared their proposal for a new course and corresponding pilot at Old Saybrook Middle School. Following the model of Unified Sports and

Unified Theater, they plan to offer Unified Physical education, a second special for interested students focused on collaborative physical activity. Half (or fewer than half) of the student participants in this class would benefit from additional exposure to gross motor skills development in a smaller group setting than that of their regular P.E. classes. Peers would join these students to further social development, model motor skills, and enhance their own leadership and collaborative abilities.

Please follow the link for the full presentation: [Unified Physical Education Presentation](#).

Brodeur/Furman

“Move to adopt the Unified Physical Education Pilot, as presented.”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Youth and Family Services Survey Update

Heather McNeil, Director of Youth and Family Services, and Wendy Mill presented a third-party survey to the Board on May 23, 2017 and on September 26, 2017. Director McNeil requested that the survey be administered to Old Saybrook Middle School and Old Saybrook High School Students (in grades 7-12).

Per Old Saybrook Public Schools’ Policy Series 5000 Student Privacy, third party surveys will be reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and presented to the Board of Education for approval prior to being administered. On September 26, 2017, the Board voted to administer the Asset Survey to students in grades 9 through 12 with passive “opt out) consent in a vote of 6 in favor and 1 against.

On February 13, 2018, Director McNeil presented the Board with an update of the Asset Survey Results and its administration to Old Saybrook High School Students.

Please follow the link for the full [Youth and Family Services Presentation](#).

Series 5000 Graduation Requirements

Baker/Barros

“Move to add Series 5000 Graduation Requirements to the meeting agenda”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

Principal Riffle presented the proposed Graduation Requirements to the staff at Old Saybrook High School to ensure that the new standards could be met. As a result, it was discovered that in order to correctly phase in the new Physical Education Graduation Requirements, the class of 2021 will graduate with 1.16 Physical Education credits.

Baker/Broadhurst

“Move to approve the Series 5000 Graduation Requirements policy, as amended”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Baker/Henderson

“Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:52PM for the purpose of discussion pending litigation. The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio into the Executive Session.”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

The Board recessed at 8:53PM.

The Board returned to Executive Session at 9:00PM.

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:36PM.

VII. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

VIII. REMINDERS

- OSHS – Parent Action Council – February 14 – 6:00PM
- OSMS – Grade 8 with OSHS Band – February 14 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – February 14 – 7:00PM
- District – Winter Break – February 19-20
- District – Strategic Plan Series: Customized Classrooms – February 21 – 7:30PM
- KGS – Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra – February 22 – 9:15AM & 10:15AM
- OSHS – Theater, Art and Jazz Night – February 22 – 7:30PM
- KGS – PTA Bingo Night – February 23 – 6:30PM
- OSMS – Parent Council Meeting – February 26 – 6:45PM
- OSMS – PTO Meeting – February 26 – 7:30PM
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 27 – 7:00PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Furman

“Move to adjourn at 9:37PM”

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