

Old Saybrook Board of Education
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Jim Henderson
Eileen Baker
Alan Hyla
George Chang
Karen Brodeur
Jan Furman
Tara Barros

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Secretary Brodeur read the 2018 Teacher Appreciation Proclamation into the minutes.

Chairman Kennedy thanked the district's teachers on behalf of the Board of Education and the Administration.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

Chairman Kennedy reminded the audience members of the rules for addressing the Board of Education. Chairman Kennedy asked Vice Chairman Hyla to keep time for each audience member while they addressed the Board.

A member of the audience stated that she sent the members of the Board of Education several character references for her son in response to her feeling that the Board dismissed the boy's statement regarding an alleged incident between a teacher and a student.

A member of the audience whose son is reported to have witnessed a negative interaction between a student and a teacher stated that her son is experiencing stress and anxiety because of what he witnessed and that the family does not feel comfortable allowing their daughter to participate in the same class the following year. The member of the audience requested that the questions she submitted to the Superintendent on January 9, 2018, be responded to in writing.

A member of the audience expressed her opinion that the decision at the previous Board of Education meeting to read that supported the District Music Program was in poor taste. She stated that she does not want to bring “shame” to the town, the schools and the Board of Education by taking this issue through the papers, but she is torn because she believes that her son and her family are not receiving adequate support. The audience member also indicated that she has told one member of the school system to “back away from lawyers and the Superintendent” to prevent “getting the mud and blood” on them.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Baker asked that Series 9000 Meeting Conduct be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Barros/Furman

“Move to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brodeur/Hyla

“Move to enter executive session at 7:25PM for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent of Schools”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio into Executive Session.

V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:55PM

VI. REMINDERS

- Public Relations Committee Meeting – May 9, 2018 – 5:30PM
- OSHS Parent Action Council Meeting – May 9, 2018 - 6:00PM
- OSHS PTO Meeting – May 9, 2018 – 7:00PM

- OSMS Band and Chorus Concert – May 10, 2018 – 7:00PM
- OSHS Safe Grad Golf Tournament – May 11, 2018
- OSMS Parent Council – May 14, 2018 – 6:45PM
- OSMS PTO Meeting – May 14, 2018 – 7:30PM
- Town Referendum – May 15, 2018
- OSHS Anxiety Management Panel – May 16, 2018 – 6:00PM
- OSHS Spring Concert – Large Ensemble – May 17, 2018 – 7:30PM
- OSMS Grade 6 Social – May 18, 2018 – 2:45PM
- OSHS Ram Boosters Senior Athletic Banquet – May 20, 2018
- Board of Education Meeting – May 22, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Hyla

“Move to adjourn at 8:56PM”

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

