

Old Saybrook High School
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at the Old Saybrook High School, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

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

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Director of Operations, Facilities, and Finance
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Kathy Bai, Director of 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 7:08PM.

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 the audience member addressed the Board.

A member of the audience thanked the Board for revising its recent minutes as requested. The audience member then referenced a flyer regarding summer band lessons, and questioned the qualifications of the teacher giving the lessons. She stated that her son's emotional state has continued to decline and indicated that the middle school has not implemented recommendations related to his education. The audience member stated that she wants safety, fairness and emotional well-being in the school.

A member of the audience stated that her child does not feel safe or comfortable at the middle school. She stated that her complaints have fallen on deaf ears and that she has not received real answers or responses to the questions she has posed to district officials. The audience member claimed that records of the investigation at the middle school demonstrate that the Superintendent showed more concern for the personnel involved in the investigation than the students involved. The audience member stated that she remains committed to making a positive change to our school environment.

Reports from the Student/Board of Education Representatives

Sports

- " Co-ed Crew
 - " Raced 9 boats at Emerson Regatta in Middletown
 - " Placed 1st in girls Varsity 2x, girls Varsity 4+, and Novice girls 4+
- " Baseball
 - " 12-5 regular season
 - " Made it to quarter finals of states
 - " New team leadership is a success
- " Girls Lacrosse
 - " Team loved new coach
- " Golf
 - " Placed 3rd on Saturday at a tournament
- " Track
 - " 4x8 relay qualified to run at New England's
 - " Tyra Finkeldey qualified for Pole Vault at New England's

Drama/Arts

- " 12 Nominations at HALO Awards
 - " 3 awards were won, including 2 for singing/acting performance and 1 for choreography

Other

- "Locked in for Love" senior project took place on 5/1
- Great band/singing quarter performance on Memorial Day
- "Partner with Goodwin" raised \$500 for hurricane relief in Texas at Adams Elementary School (senior project)
- High School D.A.R.E (senior project) with Chief Spera
- Ted Talks in English in Action for senior project presentations

Correspondence

The following correspondence was sent to the Board of Education:

- OSHS Newspaper – The Rambler
- Invitation to Old Saybrook Middle School Graduation
- Senior Awards Information – Board Member Request
- Student Discipline Presentation – Board Member Request

III. MINUTES

Baker/Hyla

“Move to approve the May 8, 2018, regular minutes, as amended”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Barros/Baker

“Move to approve the May 22, 2018, regular minutes, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Unified Physical Education Course

James Hespeler, Physical Education Teacher, and Katelyn Livingston, Health and P.E. Instructional Leader, shared their proposal for a new course and their findings from the 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 collaboration abilities. Mr. Hespeler and Ms. Livingston shared further details and results from the pilot during their presentation.

For the full presentation, please follow the link: [Unified Physical Education](#)

Washington DC Trip

In accordance with Board policy, all student field trips shall require prior written approval by the building principal. In addition, all student field trips that are scheduled to last more than one day shall require the prior written approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee and the Board of Education. This field trip has been taken in past years and has the support of the building principal and superintendent.

Students who participate in this event will travel to Washington DC on Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 a.m. The trip will last three days and students will explore various museums and monuments dedicated to historical figures, groups and major events. The historic and educational sites to be visited correlate to the United States History curriculum, as well as the

11th grade American Studies, English 10, and World History curricula. Students will return home on Saturday, November 17th. Cost for this trip will be \$500 per student for transportation, lodging, and access to the museums and tours. Some meals will be included in the cost.

Henderson/Baker

“Move to approve the student trip to Washington DC, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

New England’s – Track and Field Trip

Furman/Barros

“Move to add New England Track and Field Trip to the agenda”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Superintendent Perruccio explained that one of our team’s relays and a female pole vaulter qualified for New England’s in Durham, New Hampshire. The current plan is for the students to leave on Friday afternoon and stay overnight with 2 rooms for the boys, 2 rooms for the coaches and 1 room for the female pole vaulter who will stay with another athlete from the competition so she is not alone. Parents who attend will pay for their own rooms.

Hyla/Baker

“Move to approve the field trip for the qualifying athletes to Durham, New Hampshire, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Demographics Committee Presentation

The Ad Hoc Demographics Sub-Committee has met to address the charge given to its members to study and review demographic enrollment projections across the state and in the town and to consider their impact on Old Saybrook Public Schools. In addition, the committee researched 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. Committee meetings were held on January 7, February 8, March 1 and 28 and May 2. To date, the Committee has read research about regionalism and regionalization, including research that presented information about optimal size districts. The Committee also briefly examined a case study

of the regionalization of school districts across Vermont and gathered data from the Connecticut School Finance Project about efforts to regionalize. Finally, the Committee began to record their work on a goal tracking form.

Proposed Tuition Rates

The 2018-2019 Board of Education Operating Budget has been approved at referendum; therefore, the out-of-district tuition needs to be established for both the regular education program and the Special Education inclusion program.

The tuition is calculated based on a formula for the State Department of Education per pupil expenditure and adjusted based on the District's operating budget and anticipated enrollment. The approved regular tuition for 2017-2018 is \$16,120 and is proposed at \$16,500 for 2018-2019. This is an increase of \$380.

If a student requires additional services while remaining in the classroom setting, the District has calculated a Special Education inclusion rate. This rate is based on the total dollars spent in special education less transportation and out placement tuition costs in addition to our regular education rate. The tuition has been adjusted by our operating budget and anticipated Special Education enrollment. The current 2017-2018 Special Education inclusion rate is \$43,550 and is proposed to increase by \$3,450 to \$47,000 per year for 2018-2019.

If an out-of-district student is going to be placed in a self-contained program or requires extra-ordinary services, the rate would be calculated on a case by case basis due to the extensive nature of services required.

Transportation will not be provided for any out of district students attending Old Saybrook Schools.

Barros/Furman

“Move to approve the 2018-2019 regular tuition rate, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Hyla/Baker

“Move to approve the 2018-2019 special education inclusion rate, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Lunch Price Set

Under the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act the District is mandated to serve more fresh fruits and vegetables. We have kept our program a self-sustaining program by supplementing the income to the program with internal and external catering. Without this income, we would not be able to keep this program self-sustaining. Year over year, we are experiencing diminishing revenues from all sources. In an effort to maintain quality food and to off-set rising prices in produce and other food products we are recommending a small increase in both breakfast and lunch pricing. The breakfast pricing will remain the same for the upcoming year.

The District is working on a variety of small changes that we hope will appeal to students in the upcoming year. We hope that by offering popular menu items while trying to meet the standards imposed on school districts under the child nutrition program, our offerings will appeal to a wider variety of students. Over the next year we hope to work with the schools and students to hear their voices and provide options that all students will want to purchase. One change proposed for next year is offering pricing options at the High School with meals that we hope will meet a wide variety of students tastes.

We are hopeful that this small increase will allow us to offer other options students have requested. It is our intention to survey students to find out what additional menu items they would like to see for this coming year.

Henderson/Barros

“Move to approve the lunch prices for 2018-2019, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Residency Issue

Board of Education Policy “Series 9000 Board Member Roles” states that the Board shall consider any specific recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, our practice has been to allow the Board of Education to decide student residency issues. It has been our procedure in the past to allow students who have moved from the district during the latter part of the school year to remain enrolled in order for them to complete their academic year with their classmates. There is a family at Old Saybrook Middle School who is requesting that the Board allow their daughter to remain enrolled at Old Saybrook Middle School through the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year despite their recent residency departure from the town. The Superintendent recommended that the Board allow this student to remain in the school system for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year. This recommendation is contingent on the student maintaining herself in good standing. Failure to do so could result in the rescinding

of permission to attend school in Old Saybrook. The family of the student must also provide their own transportation to and from school.

Principal Bauchman supports the petition to have the student remain at the Old Saybrook Middle School until the conclusion of the 2017-2018 academic year while the family resides out of town. Should this student wish to continue her studies in the Old Saybrook School District for the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year, proof of permanent residency must be provided.

Baker/Barros

“Move to allow the student to continue her studies at the Old Saybrook Middle School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year”

MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-1)

Vice Chairman Hyla was not present for the vote.

Policy Update – 1st Reading

The following policies were presented to the Board of Education for a first reading. These policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee and are available for the Board’s review on the Board Notebook under the Subcommittees Tab. A brief description of the changes is provided with each policy.

- **Series 5000 Student Discipline**

The Student Discipline policy was revised to include language about Alternative Educational Opportunities for students who have been expelled. The new language states that the Superintendent shall develop regulations concerning alternative educational opportunities that are in compliance with standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The regulations shall include provisions to address student placement in alternative education, individualized learning plans, monitoring of student placements and performance and a process for transition planning. The updated policy also includes an Individualized Learning Plan template.

- **Series 9000 – Meeting Conduct**

This policy was revised to include language regarding how the Board of Education responds to comments and questions made during audience of citizens and subsequent communication following the meeting.

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Baker/Furman

“Move to enter into executive session at 9:00PM for the purposes of discussing personnel negotiations”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton into Executive Session.

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education returned to open session at 9:11PM.

Henderson/Barros

“Move to approve Custodian Contract, as negotiated”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION II

Baker/Barros

“Move to enter into executive session at 9:12PM for the purposes of conducting the Superintendent’s Summative Evaluation”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio into Executive Session.

IX. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education returned to open session at 9:26PM

Baker/Furman

“Move to allow the Board Chair to enter into a three-year contract with the Superintendent with the terms that were discussed in Executive Session”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

X. REMINDERS

- OSHS – Parent Action Council – June 6 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – June 6 – 7:00PM
- OSMS – Grade 5 Spring Concert – June 7 – 7:00PM
- KGS – Grade 3 Celebration – June 15 – 1:45PM
- OSMS – Grade 8 Closing Dance – June 15 – 7:00PM
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 19 – 7:00PM
- OSMS – Closing Ceremony – June 20 – 10:00AM
- OSHS – Graduation – June 20 – 5:00PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Barros

“Move to adjourn at 9:28PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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