

Board of Education Office
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Kelley Kennedy
Jim Henderson
Alan Hyla
Phil Broadhurst
George Chang
Karen Brodeur
Jan Furman
Tara Barros

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Operations, Facilities & Finance

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

A citizen from the audience expressed her concern regarding an incident that took place between a teacher and her child. The citizen reviewed her child's account of the incident and requested that the Board review the district's policy regarding physical altercations between students and staff. The citizen also asked if there was a formal process to grieve the Superintendent's decision regarding the incident and the teacher's ability to return to class.

A member of the audience expressed her concern about the aforementioned incident, indicating that her child was present. She expressed her displeasure with the Superintendent's decision to allow the teacher to return to school.

A member of the audience, who identified himself as the father of the student in question in the incident, voiced his displeasure with the decision to allow the teacher of the aforementioned incident to return to the classroom and requested a review of the District's policy regarding physical altercations between students and staff.

A member of the audience identified herself as a representative for the Old Saybrook Education Association and stated that aforementioned incident had been investigated by several agencies. The OSEA representative indicated that the agencies had determined that the teacher in question had not committed a criminal act and that the alleged incident was unsubstantiated.

Board of Education Student Representatives

The Student Representatives submitted the following report to the Board of Education:

Sports

- Girls Basketball:
 - Record 5-3
 - New assistant coach has been a tremendous help
- Boys Basketball:
 - Record 6-1
- Indoor Track:
 - New boys 4x4 school record of 3:36
 - Girls relays are tough shoreline and state competitors

Drama/Music

- Large band ensembles concert on 1/11
- Beauty and the Beast is casted and rehearsals have started
- OSHS Chamber Singers will be performing with Will and Anthony at The Kate
- Southern Regional Music Festival is approaching

Correspondence

The following correspondence was sent to the Board of Education:

- CAFE: A Day on the Hill flyer

III. MEETING MINUTES

Brodeur/Hyla

“Move to approve the December 12, 2017, regular meeting minutes as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Field Trip Request – Connecticut Drama Association

Board of Education policy requires that overnight field trips be approved by the Board of Education. The following overnight trip is taking place in March 2018. This field trip has the support of the Building Principal and Superintendent.

March 9-10: The trip will depart to O.H. Platt High School in Meriden, CT from Old Saybrook High School at 1:30 p.m. on March 9th and will return on March 10th. The trip will cost approximately \$150.00 per student. The teacher to student ratio will not exceed 10:1.

Brodeur/Barros

“Move to approve the Connecticut Drama Association field trip, as presented.”

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

2018-2019 Academic Calendar Revision

Since the Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 academic calendar on December 12, 2017, there has been one change to the Middle School Parent Conference Days. Originally, the days were listed as December 5 and December 6, but to accommodate Hanukkah, these conference days were moved to December 12 and December 13.

The remainder of the academic calendar remains unchanged from the previously approved version.

Brodeur/Furman

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

MOTION: CARRIED (8-0-0)

2017-2018 Budget Update

FINANCIAL & FACILITIES UPDATE:

The District has reviewed the monthly expenditures to date and the most significant changes continue to be in the area of special education costs. Safeguards have been put in place to avoid any potential shortfalls in the budget. The District is monitoring all expenditures and awaits the first excess cost payment that is currently still scheduled to be received. Given the current financial condition of the state and the mid-year reductions that have occurred in the past, the District is taking precautions for any shortfalls in special education funding at this time.

Now that the heating season has begun, the District has been keeping a close eye on all the buildings given this very cold stretch of weather. The District continues to monitor the HVAC systems remotely to avoid any serious problems.

2018-2019 Superintendent Budget Presentation

Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton presented the Superintendent’s proposed 2018-2019 budget to the Board of Education at the regular board meeting

on January 9, 2018. The presentation was the district's first budget presentation to the full Board of Education for the 2018-2019 academic year. The budget had been preliminarily reviewed by the Board's Budget and Fiscal Committee at its meeting on January 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Please follow the link for the full [2018-2019 Superintendent's Budget Presentation](#).

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No citizens addressed the Board of Education.

VI. REMINDERS

- OSHS – Parent Action Council – January 10 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – January 10 – 7:00PM
- Public Relations Committee Meeting – January 11 – 5:30PM
- OSHS – Winter Band Concert – January 11 – 7:30PM
- District – Martin Luther King Day: School Closed – January 15
- Budget and Fiscal Committee Meeting – January 16 – 5:30PM
- Demographics and Enrollment Committee Meeting – January 17 – 5:30PM
- Policy Committee Meeting – January 18 – 6:00PM
- Strategic Plan Series – January 18 – 7:30PM
- OSMS – Grade 5 Beginning Band Concert – January 18 -7:00PM
- KGS – PTA Magic Show – January 19 – 6:30PM
- OSMS – Parent Council Meeting – January 22 – 6:45PM
- OSMS – PTO Meeting – January 22 – 7:30PM
- Budget and Fiscal Committee Meeting – January 23 – 5:30PM
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 23 – 7:00PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Furman/Brodeur

“Move to adjourn at 8:45PM”

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