

**OLD ORCHARD BEACH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OOB HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Chr. Laura Bolduc, Vice Chr. Dennis Robillard, Patricia Clark, Sharri MacDonald, Ashley Hibbard, Supt. Eric Matthews, Administrators: Donna Ford, Patricia Hayden, Michael Pulsifer, James Boisvert, Julie Smyth, Rick DiFusco, Melissa Gervais, Mark Knowles. Ashley Hibbard and Renee Martin were excused.

1. CALL TO ORDER The Regular Monthly Meeting of October 12, 2006 was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairperson Laura Bolduc.

Patricia Hayden was appointed as Secretary Pro Tem for the October 12, 2006 meeting.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - There were no items for Executive Session.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. EMERGENT ITEMS: None

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Regular Monthly Meeting of September 14, 2006: Dennis Robillard (motioned) to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held September 14, 2006, as presented. Sharri MacDonald (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

6. ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

JAMESON SCHOOL - Sharri MacDonald commented that it was wonderful to read the newspaper article about the first grade Fairy Houses and the artist-in-residence program. Laura Bolduc thanked all principals for their schools' recycling efforts.

LORANGER MIDDLE SCHOOL - No comment.

OOB HIGH SCHOOL - Rick DiFusco reported that the Parent Portal of PowerSchool was opened on Oct.6 and has received 164 hits since its opening. Mr. DiFusco explained that all parent User IDs and Passwords will remain the same each year. Mr. DiFusco was also happy to announce that two dozen Interact Club members participated in the Breast Cancer Walk on Oct. 15. He explained that the Interact Club is also planning a visit to the Childrens' Hospital in Portland to do pumpkin decorating on Oct. 30. Additionally, the Student Council and the National Honor Society will host a Senior Citizen dinner.

SPECIAL EDUCATION - No comment.

CURRICULUM COORDINATOR - Pat Hayden added that the teachers found the NWEA workshop on October 10 to be very helpful in learning to interpret and use the reports. Rick Matthews added that the book being read by the administrative team has helped detail our goal of improving instructional practice and focus on student learning.

ADULT EDUCATION DIRECTOR - No comment.

7. CITIZEN FORUM: Sandy Lord reported that Justina Samuels, a retired OOB teacher, passed away in August and a scholarship will be named in her honor by the Scholarship Committee.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A Second Reading of Policies:

(1) IJNDB-R Rules & Conditions for Acceptable Use of System: Dennis Robillard (motioned) to approve the second reading of policy IJNDB-R Rules and Conditions for Acceptable Use of Computers, Networks and Electronic Communication. Patty Clark (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(2) BGA Preliminary Development of Policies: Patty Clark (motioned) to approve the second reading of policy BGA Preliminary Development of Policies. Dennis Robillard (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous. Laura Bolduc mentioned that another parent representative is needed on this committee.

B. Poker Tournament Fund Raiser: This fundraising request was tabled at the September meeting pending further information. At this time, there are no new developments. Dennis Robillard (motioned) to remove this item from the agenda and place it under new business when new information becomes available. Patty Clark (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mini Grant Presentation - Mark Knowles presented his mini-grant work on two initiatives: moving to a standards based program in alternative ed and having a UNE social worker intern for 20 hours/week. The standards based program provides for an individualized academic approach and allows one of the staff to be able to do one on one work with students. The UNE social work intern is a case manager, and works individually with students to create personal and career plans. She also sets up referrals to outside agencies if needed.

B. Southern Alliance: The meeting date has been moved from October to December after the November elections. The Superintendent has asked the Town Manager to use this lull to organize a meeting with the Town Council and School Board to discuss their thoughts. The School Board would like to meet before elections. The Superintendent will follow up with a phone call to the Town Manager.

C. International Club Travel Information & Release Form: Rick DiFusco has brought a sample document on this topic. The Policy Committee has just started looking at it and the first reading will be in November or December. The plan is to create this policy for the whole district so everyone knows the protocol.

D. TABOR Resolution: There is a sample resolution in the School Board packet. Since it is a statute, it affects only municipalities and counties. It can be ignored at the state level and it will not affect state spending. TABOR is more generous to wealthier school systems and harsher to poorer districts. The effect would be similar to the dilemma faced by OOB last year. The Superintendent shared a letter from SAD 57. He also noted that Biddeford, York, Kittery and Marshwood signed the resolution. There was discussion on whether or not the OOB School Board would also sign the resolution. Laura Bolduc stated that she feels an obligation to inform the community of the possible impact, although she does not favor using this particular form. The School Board directed the Superintendent to draft a simple factual notice that could be signed by all School Board members and sent home with students. The letter could also be posted on the school website.

E. School Initiative Team (SIT) Survey: The survey will be distributed during parent-teacher conferences in all the schools. They will also be available at the high school during election day, November 7. The results will be reported at the School Board meeting on December 14.

F. H.S. Power School Parent Portal Presentation: Letters were sent to parents with progress reports. Missy Gervais presented a powerpoint showing the grades and attendance screens. Parents can also access the school bulletin on which various announcements are posted. At this time, the Parent Portal has been up for a week and the site has already registered 66 different emails to teachers.

G. Memo of Understanding for a sports medicine orthopedist: This provides an

opportunity for a trained sports medicine physician to work with our athletes. The next step would be to get an athletic trainer. It was noted that there should also be a release form for parents. Patty Clark (motioned) to accept the memo. Dennis Robillard (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. School Department Report: Patty Clark (motioned) to approve the School Department Financial Report for the month ending September, 2006, as presented and until audit. Dennis Robillard (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. Consolidated Lunch Report Patty Clark (motioned) to approve the Consolidated Lunch Financial Report for the month ending September, 2006, as presented and until audit. Dennis Robillard (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

C. Adult Education Report Patty Clark (motioned) to approve the Adult Education Financial Report for the month ending September, 2006, as presented and until audit. Dennis Robillard (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. APPOINTMENTS

- (1) H.S Math Department Coordinator - D. Simonds
- (2) H.S. Student Council Advisor - C Pendergrass
- (3) H.S. Civil Rights Team Advisor - R. Slack
- (4) Transfer J. Martineau from 1-1 Tech to Response to Intervention (RTI) position

B. Student teacher LMS Music Program - Darrell Whidden

C. Internship Site Description

D. Crisis Safety Plans: District plans were reviewed on Aug. 17 and a second meeting was held on October 11. Public safety officials are involved with this committee. Discussion centered around safety practices in our schools. The number one priority is to keep only one entrance open to each school and this will be reinforced by the principals. Additional suggestions included conducting a safety audit by an outside agency, developing a protocol to screen visitors, redesigning the front entrance of LMS so visitors are immediately visible, and creating a policy to provide a physically safe environment for students. The Superintendent will bring these suggestions to the next committee meeting and perhaps form an ad hoc committee to make recommendations.

Dennis Robillard thanked Sandy Lord for all her efforts and contributions, noting that the athletic wing has been named in her honor.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Dennis Robillard (motioned) to adjourn the meeting at 8:42P.M. Patty Clark (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

I, Patricia Hayden, Secretary Pro Tem to the School Board do certify that the foregoing document consisting of three pages is a true copy of the original minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the School Board which was held on October 12, 2006.