

**OLD ORCHARD BEACH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OOB HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Chair Laura Bolduc, Vice Chair Dennis Robillard, Patricia Clark, Sharri MacDonald, Supt. Eric Matthews, Administrators: Donna Ford, Patricia Hayden, Michael Pulsifer, James Boisvert, Julie Smyth, Rick DiFusco, Melissa Gervais. Ashley Hibbard and Renee Martin were excused. In attendance: Teachers Mark Manduca, Erin Quale, Incoming School Board Member Kay Dutton

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Monthly Meeting of November 9, 2006 was called to order at 7:26 P.M. by Chairperson Laura Bolduc.

Dennis Robillard (motioned) that Missy Foster be appointed as Secretary Pro Tem for the November 9, 2006 meeting. Patricia Clark (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

A. Evaluation of Employee 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A)

B. Two Separate Labor Contract Discussions Concerning the Educational Support Professionals Association 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D)

C. Consultation between School Unit and its Attorney 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (E) & U.S.C. §1412 et. Seq. 34C.F.R. Part 300 Records Covered by FERPA

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. EMERGENT ITEMS: Eric Matthews reported that the High School Cheering advisor resigned and that he would discuss the issue further under agenda item 11.B.

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Regular Monthly Meeting of October 12, 2006: It was noted that the minutes erroneously stated that Ashley Hibbard was present at the last School Board meeting. Patricia Clark (motioned) to accept the minutes with a correction in the Attendance section to reflect that Ashley Hibbard was excused from the October meeting. Sharri MacDonald (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

6. ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

Jameson School - Patricia Clark commented that her daughter has been making fairy houses around her home after the artist-in-residence visit by Tracy Kane.

Loranger Middle School - Laura Bolduc commented that the community really enjoyed the band at the opening celebration of the Grand Victorian.

OOB High School - Erin Quale reported that there are currently 25 members in the Interact Club, and she handed out photos of the club at different events. These events included participating in the Breast Cancer Walk, which raised \$500.00 toward the Breast Cancer fund; visiting the Barbara Bush Hospital Wing

two times; and helping out at the Senior Citizen dinner. During one of the trips to the Barbara Bush Wing, they painted pumpkins and made trick-or-treat goodie bags for the children. Ms. Quale also wanted to thank Dennis Robillard for his support and she gave him an Interact Club sweatshirt. Dennis Robillard thanked Ms. Quale for being the driving force behind the Interact Club.

Special Education – No comment

Curriculum Coordinator – No comment

Adult Education Director – No comment

7. CITIZEN FORUM: Tim Rogers expressed his concern about the safety of the schools, particularly in light of the recent episodes of school violence throughout the country. He has a child going through the school system currently, and asked what we could do to promote better school security. Eric Matthews stated that the high school has security cameras, all doors but the main entrances of all the schools are locked, and the main office keeps a close eye on the front doors. Both Loranger and Jameson have cameras but they are all outdated. Mr. Matthews explained that there is a Crisis Safety Committee, which includes the OOB Fire Chief and OOB Police Chief, and they have already met twice this school year. They come to the meetings with the latest updates about school safety. All of the school buildings perform lockdown drills and the SWAT team performs summer trainings in all of the buildings, so they know the layouts. Mr. Matthews suggested having parents on the Crisis Safety Committee, looking into the Homeland Security Grants and updating all of the cameras. Laura Bolduc noted that this was briefly discussed at the October meeting. She will follow up with Eric Matthews about this. Laura Bolduc thanked Mr. Rogers for coming and expressing his concerns.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. OOB Music Program - Mark Manduca reported that on Saturday the band won a gold medal for their second consecutive win as part of the annual Maine Band Directors Association Marching Band Finals.

Mr. Manduca explained that the Music Department was asked by Patricia Hayden to review the OOB music curriculum. He distributed a handout with the current K-12 music curriculum. Mr. Manduca stated that the music staff began their review by looking at past assessment results from students in grade 12. The staff then looked at each grade level from 12-K to determine any areas of possible improvement. Mr. Manduca reported that at Jameson students are currently offered music education through the violin program. With this program, students do not learn how to read music which is a very important concept to learn at the elementary level. In order for students to meet the high school level standards, they need to begin reading music before the completion of third grade. Mr. Manduca stated that currently students are not meeting the standards of the Maine Learning Results at the elementary level. In addition, students do not have the option to continue with the violin program in any of the other schools. The music department has some suggestions to improve the elementary program. Mr. Manduca recommended creating a piano lab at Jameson and allowing for a full time music teaching position. Laura Bolduc asked if there were any recommendations for Loranger or the high school. Mr. Manduca responded by stating that at this time everything is running quite well in those two schools, and the district is meeting the standards set forth by the Maine Learning Results at those grade levels. Michael Pulsifer stated that there isn't a lot of money to include a piano program as part of the Jameson music curriculum and asked if Mr. Manduca had any recommendations. Mr. Manduca stated that he would bring it up at the next music meeting. Dennis Robillard asked if the current class length of 40 minutes could be split between learning strings and learning to read music. Mr. Manduca thought that changing the length to two 20-minute sessions instead of one 40-minute session would be beneficial. He stated that reading music at age three would improve reading skills and help with all other subjects as well. Laura Bolduc added that the music programs in grades 12-K are highly regarded in the community.

B. TABOR vote and Implications: TABOR was defeated in the November 7th election. Eric Matthews stated that this issue is not over, however, as similar themes would be discussed as part of the Southern Maine Alliance agenda.

C. Capital Improvement Needs: Eric Matthews handed out a packet on the Capital Improvement repairs. Mr. Matthews has met with Kevin Girard and discussed the roof leaking problem at Jameson. Many ceiling tiles have been replaced in an effort to fix the roof. In addition, spring and fall quality checks have been done. The air quality check was positive this fall at Jameson. Mr. Matthews met with the Jameson staff to review the results and there were many concerns. Michael Pulsifer stated the staff had questions about breathing, sinus infections, and general sicknesses. Mr. Matthews referred to the packet and stated that we need to fix the roof and the carpets in Jameson. With this new carpet, only one tile would have to be replaced if there was a problem. This same carpet was installed in Loranger. It works well and is highly recommended. Laura Bolduc asked if this is the same roof from twenty years ago. Mr. Matthews confirmed that it was. Sharri MacDonald asked if there was only one estimate. Mr. Matthews answered that there are two estimates. Sharri MacDonald suggested presenting the Town Council with this repair request. Laura Bolduc would like to see the bid process used by the Town Council. Patricia Clark asked if the tile was easy to clean. Mr. Matthews replied that it is mold resistant and cleans up quickly. Patricia Clark asked if it is just like tile. Mr. Matthews replied that it is not better than tile, but this product is a good balance.

There are two repair costs at Loranger. One is for the burner replacement for the back up boiler. The other repair cost is for the northeast wall replacement at the main entrance. The entrance overhang is beginning to crumble and has become a liability. The total repair costs for Jameson and Loranger are \$76,390.00.

The high school had its whole roof replaced two years ago with a brand new metal roof. There are problems, but just in the seams. Sharri MacDonald stated that there are leaks in hallways and we might want to place a request for those repairs in this proposal. Kay Dutton asked if there are any warranties on the high school roof since it has only been two years. Mr. Matthews will follow up with Mr. Girard. Sharri MacDonald asked if Mr. Matthews could email the School Board with the updates. Mr. Matthews will obtain additional quotes, email the School Board and contact the Town Manager.

D. System Support Team Approval - Patricia Hayden asked the School Board's approval of the 2006-07 Individual Support Team membership list and approval for an additional section to the System Support Team (SST) Guidebook (Other Professional Development Work). The SST would like to add this category to cover professional development activities, such as Team Leader and Department Coordinator, which are not accurately described by the three existing categories (Committee Work, Travel, and Independent Project). Laura Bolduc asked if Team Leaders receive a stipend, and Mrs. Hayden confirmed that they do. Ms. Bolduc stated that since teachers receive a stipend for the position, then it's not going "above and beyond normal teaching requirements." Mrs. Hayden noted that there is a list in the SST Guidebook of various examples of professional development activities which includes Team Leader. The Guidebook was last revised in 2005. Sharri MacDonald stated that Other Professional Development Work is a big blanket, and perhaps making a reference list of these activities would be beneficial. Mrs. Hayden responded that it would be difficult to compile a complete listing. Eric Matthews suggested that Mrs. Hayden bring this issue back to the SST and report to the School Board at the December meeting. Sharri MacDonald added that it would be helpful to bring the SST Guidebook to the December meeting so this section can be reread. Mrs. Hayden agreed to do so.

Patricia Clark (motioned) to approve the Individual Support Team membership list. Dennis Robillard (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dennis Robillard (motioned) to table approval of the Other Professional Development Work section to the SST Guidebook. Patricia Clark (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. SIT (School Improvement Team) Survey - Eric Matthews thanked Sharri MacDonald and Patricia Hayden for preparing the survey. Surveys have already been distributed to parents during Loranger conferences and to citizens on Tuesday while they were voting. We have received about 110 surveys from Loranger conferences and about 125 from Election Day so far. The high school and Jameson will be handing out the surveys during conferences next week. Dennis Robillard added that he handed out many surveys on Election Day.

F. Meeting with Town Council concerning Southern Maine Alliance - Eric Matthews reported that the School Board tried to meet with the Town Council about the Southern Maine Alliance prior to the elections. The meeting did not happen and he will make a second request. Laura Bolduc suggested that the School Board meet at the Town Council's convenience. Mr. Matthews stated that he was invited to the Executive Meeting of Superintendents on Friday and the two major topics were regionalization and the Secondary Reform Agenda. These two initiatives have similar themes to TABOR.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

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

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

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Appointment of Jameson Ed. Tech. - Rhonda Evangelista

B. Resignation of High School Cheering Advisor – Sadie O'Donnell

Dennis Robillard stated that at last year's basketball games the cheerleaders did more gymnastics than cheering, and that there was a lack of crowd involvement. Melissa Gervais met with the new cheering coach to provide her with feedback from the past few seasons, and to discuss the expectations of the position.

C. Congratulations to Loranger Middle School Band

12. ADJOURNMENT: Dennis Robillard (motioned) to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 P.M. Patricia Clark (seconded) the motion. The vote was unanimous.

I, Missy Foster, Secretary Pro Tem to the School Board do certify that the foregoing document consisting of four pages is a true copy of the original minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the School Board, which was held on November 9, 2006.