

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

April 15, 2020

6:30 P.M.

District Members Present: Cary Humphrey, Chairperson, Joseph Pires, Michelle Smith, James Muse, Stefan Gabriel, Heather Burke, Paul Goulet, Tina Rood and Suzanne Tseki

District Members Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Humphrey of the ORR School Committee.

It was also stated by the Chairperson that the meeting is being recorded

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Michelle Smith made a **motion** to appoint Lori Walsh as the new Recording Secretary. Tina Rood seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

December 11, 2019

Tina Rood made a motion to approve the minutes for December 11, 2019.

Jim Muse seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

January 22, 2020

Heather Burke suggested a correction on page three (3) on the second line where it says (physical pressure), it should say (**fiscal pressure**).

Tina Rood also suggested a change on the first page under the District Agreement. Where her presentation is there should be three recommendations that aren't there that should be added:

1. All legal changes be made within the District
2. Three year averaging for the assessments
3. Establish District Capital Stabilization Fund

Michelle Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for January 22, 2020.

Heather Burke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Jim Muse abstained from voting.

March 3, 2020

Tina Rood made a motion to approve the minutes for March 3, 2020.

Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

February 24, 2020

Tina Rood made a motion to approve the minutes for February 24, 2020.

James Muse seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

School Closure Update:

Doug White spoke about the Breakfast and lunch update and stated that all Food Service workers had to be Serve Safe Trained and have been since March. Since March, there have been 7,862 meals picked up and delivered. Mr. White also spoke about two Grants that they have received, one from Harvard Health Care for \$500 and the other one from EOS Foundation

for \$6,425 which helps offset the amount of the food cost. Mr. White also wanted to mention that the Nurses are delivering some lunches to some of the Students who do not have a ride to come and get their meals and would like to thank them. Waiting for the Governors call on what is going to happen next. That will guide us in the direction in which we need to go. James Muse made a motion to accept the two Grants. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Facilities update:

Doug White any area that is being used is being Sanitized before it is used and for the next day. Vans being used to deliver food are being sanitized daily and a log is being kept on who sanitizes them and when. The same thing with the kitchen being sanitized. Not everyone is coming in everyday.

James Muse stated that funding for the future and Facilities cleanliness for the future might change. Also he said that maybe we should check in to that and work with the Boards of Health for future changes in sanitizing guidelines. This started on March 14th with these new changes and there will be a lot more.

Mr. White went on to say that we should hear from the two principals about the Remote Learning aspect of it.

Michael Devoll declared that he is very proud of the efforts at the high School. He spoke to the Committee about the Schedules which was and every other day schedule. A lot of students are on a blended schedule. Most Students have four (4) classes a day and they are cut in half. The staff is posting lessons and assignments by 9:30 a.m. that day. Mr. Devoll stated that in his opinion, we have the best model around. We get calls on what model we use.

Tina Rood asked Michael Devoll if there was any chance that the students could have a one on one with the Teacher like a video chat?

Mr. Devoll stated that each Staff Member has office hours everyday to provide immediate feedback. Some office Staff will do it by email, video conference or chat conference. The only time that is asynchronis is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. everyday.

Heather Burke asked if it was a-synchronis

Michael Devoll said that it wasn't.

Heather Burke asked if the Teachers could post their work the evening before so they have it ahead of time.

Michael Devoll stated that he has asked his staff and they said that it is not fair to do that to the Students.

Heather Burke spoke to Mr. Devoll about new material or old material.

Mr. Devoll stated that they teach new material.

Joseph Pires asked if all children were utilizing Zoom

Mr. Devoll stated that zoom meetings are not required. It's face to face that some kids need. Teachers have called over 147 Students that are missing assignments that need zoom.

We have a video calendar with new learning. Team meetings are once a week. Things are going one step at a time.

Silas updated the School Committee on the Special Education information. Silas stated that there will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday three hour group staff using Google Classroom for Special Education.

Joseph Pires stated that his daughters are getting their assignments but need the interaction.

Discussion ensued with the Committee Members

School Choice Vote

After discussion about the School Choice Vote a motion was made.

Heather Burke made a motion to have School Choice for the School Year 2020/2021 for both Schools.

James Muse seconded the motion. Stefan Gabriel opposed the motion. Motion passed.

2nd Motion

Heather Burke made a motion to open up 20 spaces in the School System. A cap of 11 for the 7th grade, 3 in the 8th grade, 11 in the 9th grade and should those not be add up to 20 spaces, then we can make some spaces available for the 10, 11th and 12th grades.

James Muse seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Disposal of School Furniture

Jim Muse made a motion to approve the Disposal of Furniture.

Tina Rood seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Program of Studies Revision Approval

James Muse made a motion to approve the Program of Studies Revision approval.

Tina Rood seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Reports

Doug White stated we are in good shape. Will start un-emcumbering the lines.

Two things that the Committee needs to do. Need one signature on the Warrants, Stefan and James Muse.

Heather Burke made a motion for Stefan Gabriel and James Muse to sign the warrants for now until the Committee can all get together again.

Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Humphrey spoke to the Committee about the difficulty of the transitions that the children are going through right now with the masks, not playing with their friends or going to School. Graduations are being missed and the kids are going through a lot. Chairperson Humphrey just wanted to show appreciation for everything that has been done.

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Doug White stated that he met with Town officials regarding the budget. Michael Nelson has a couple of things he has to talk about.

Michael Nelson spoke about special education and chapter 74 and who qualifies for it. We showed that we have a student demand for this application process of the chapter 74. Mr. Nelson worked with Doreen Lopes on this matter. Did market analysis and many of our students went on and had good jobs. Good news is that we found out that part B of chapter 74 application has been submitted. The Students can leave early with an education certificate can go on to learn more.

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James Muse stated that it would be really great to keep Students engaged with this program.

Principals Report

Michael Duvall talked to the Board about Postponing their trip to 2021. If they don't go, they will lose \$500. There is a possibility of switching out their ticket with someone else. Will keep the Committee posted.

Heather Burke stated that she really enjoyed this report and asked if this Committee could be put on the list.

SMEC

Tina Rood stated that they will be meeting in two weeks.

Increased pay to time and a half.

Tri-Town Foundation

Next meeting in two weeks.

Suzanne Tseki talked about starting a marketing sub-committee for the Tri-Town.

Next Meeting

June 27, 2020

Adjournment

Stefan made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

