

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 5, 2025 2:05 P.M.

ORRHS GUIDANCE CONFERENCE ROOM

**Attendance: Kathy Brunelle, Michael Devoll, Neva Matos,
Lazara Rosa, Geoff White, Phil Whittaker. Scribe-Aimee Fox**

1. Call to Order (2:08p.m.) and Review of Open Meeting Law
2. Approval of minutes of October meeting
Motion to approve minutes as written made by Mr. White.
Seconded by Ms. Burnelle. Mr. Rosa abstained due to absence, 5 in-favor , 0-opposed, 1-obstained
3. Budget Recommendations-(Handout given to members)
First step in forming the budget: Principals submits a Form 1 for each increases in budget Including: addition/changes of/to programs, staffing changes, equipment, textbook or software purchases.
One time purchases can also be covered by unspent monies in other budget lines.
Current Form 1 submissions:
-Additional Paraprofessionals-Ed plans specify number of minutes a student needs additional help in core classes. Also Para's sometimes split time in classes to cover these mandates. Clusters of students with IEP's are placed in classes to make this work. Scheduling students in classes becomes problematic. This need creates a cohort of students in many classes which creates other issues.
-Athletic need -sports buses increased by more than 10K. This was not due to an increase in trips but to the increase in cost of each trip.
-Early childhood Chapter 74 (One time expense)- asking for an additional teacher. The current program is growing. This is the first year we needed to limit the number of students in the program. After the first year the state will support the Chapter 74 program.

- Computer Science Lab-computer science desk tops have passed useful lifespan. Our equipment can not support current/ future programs.
- Increase Teacher Macbook replacement cycle .
- Outdoor camera's: security cameras by pressbox, athletic fields and student parking areas have limited visibility.
- Prometeon boards support/ replacement.
- new chairs for teachers.
- Team Chair for Special Education-lowest priority.

Gym divider replacement and other improvements will start next week.-This is the result of a walk through by State Rep. Mark Sylvia last spring.

The practice fields will be renovated this year. We will have two Fields available for all spring sports. LAX will practice in the field inside the track. Baseball and softball fields will not be usable. This will most likely come with an increased cost for busing and field rentals.

Any other budget increase suggestions from the committee?

- Sound board in Auditorium needs replacing-would be a one time purchase. (K.Brunelle)
- Consider a capital ask from the towns. (P. Whittaker)

AC/ HVAC

4. Dual Enrollment Policy

Handout-Standing Committee for graduation requirements. As a school we can not dissuade a student from taking dual enrollment classes. But we can safeguard classes offered by the school.

Students' schedules need to be set by the last day of school. They can not drop classes after the last day of school to request dual enrollment. Acceptable reasons to take a Dual Enrollment class are a proven schedule conflict or the school does not offer the core graduation required class.

5. Future Business

- Dual Enrollment

- Competency Determination -(No MCAS now what ?) 3 Handouts for review before our next meeting. Schools need to have a plan in to DESE by Dec. 31 2025 We will look at this at December meeting
- Budget Update
- Program of Studies-adding AP Cyber Security
- Computer lab request

6. Open Comment

No open comment

Mr. Rosa- Made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Whittaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd. At 2:05 in the Guidance Conference Room.