

Old Saybrook Middle School
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Old Saybrook Middle School, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Tara Barros
Jim Henderson
Eileen Baker
Alan Hyla
George Chang
Cindy Sultini
Karen Brodeur

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Kathy Bai, Director of Pupil and Professional Services
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Joseph Anastasio, Old Saybrook High School Associate Principal
Krista Bauchman, Old Saybrook Middle School Principal
Matt Walton, Old Saybrook Middle School Associate Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barros called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Superintendent Perruccio thanked the Board Members on behalf of the entire District for their hard work and dedication to Old Saybrook Public Schools. The Board received gifts of appreciation for their service.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Reports from the Student/Board of Education Representatives

Sports

Boys Basketball: 14-5

- Boys basketball finished their season with a loss to Stonington on 3/6. The game started off well with a score of 14 to 7 by the end of the first quarter. Stonington High School was ranked 8th, just one place ahead of our Rams. The next three quarters went very quickly. When time ran out, the score was 48-48. After four minutes of overtime, the game ended with a score of 55-49 Stonington. The seniors were mentioned to have given it their all in their last game as Saybrook Rams. Senior Shane Henderson and junior Davis Brown were highlighted for their major roles in raising the score. To quote the team manager, junior Carissa Schilke, "It's sad that it's all over, but they didn't go without a fight."

Girls Indoor Track:

- Grace Hanratty won the 1000m at the New England Championship. On March 2nd, Hanratty competed in Boston Massachusetts. Hanratty managed to record a time of 2:56.29, just .27 seconds in front of the second-place finisher. This time qualified Hanratty to compete in New York this past Friday at New Balance Nationals for indoor track.

Music/Theater

- T.A.J. (Theatre, Art and Jazz) night occurred on 2/27 featuring a fantastic spread

of food, made by OSHS's culinary department. The serving platters were complementary of our very own woodshop students.

- New England Music Festival (NEMFA), will occur the weekend of 3/22, with Tim Jacoboski and Breydan Medbury (Seniors) both attending.
- Sam Carlson (Senior) will be in the CT All State Jazz Band playing the trombone.
- *Impromptu*, directed by Senior Olivia Gaidry was performed at CDA last weekend, featuring the cast of Janae Jeune, Joe Bradley, John Gabelmann and Amy Young.
- THE SPRING MUSICAL *ON THE TOWN* is March 14th, 15th and 16th AT 7:30, and March 16th at 2:30!

Other

- The talent show to raise money for the UNICEF club was a success, featuring many performances, including one from our very own superintendent.
- The Musings book is in progress
- Dailia Egbert and Ashley Zigler's senior project, a prom dress drive and fashion show, will take place on March 19th.
- The Quebec trip occurred March 1st - 3rd and was attended by French 1-5 and AP students.
- Fundraising is beginning for Baseball and Softball's trip to Disney.

Correspondence

The Board of Education received 9 letters of correspondence regarding the Grade 4 transition to Kathleen E. Goodwin School.

III. MINUTES

Hyla/Baker

“Move to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019, Board of Education Regular Meeting, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019, Board of Education Special Meeting, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

OSMS Spotlight

Old Saybrook Middle School Principal Krista Bauchman, Associate Principal Matt Walton, the Old Saybrook Middle School Team 8 Members, and Old Saybrook Middle School students Sage Arpaia, Jacob Caffrey, and Catherine Minegar presented a detailed look at 21st Century Skills and how they are taught at Old Saybrook Middle School.

The goals of teaching 21st Century Skills to students are:

- To increase student awareness and provide feedback of "soft" skills that are necessary for success in and out of the classroom.
- To prepare students for the challenges of college and career.
- To implicitly teach students the appropriate methods to be successful in each of these areas.
- To provide opportunities to set goals, practice and refine 21st century skills in a classroom setting.
- To better understand each student by tracking data in these areas.

A discussion ensued regarding the value of teaching students 21st Century Skills at every grade level and how the data helps provide a vertical and horizontal picture of a student skills and their developmental progress.

To view the full presentation, please visit the following link: [OSMS Spotlight – 21st Century Skills](#).

V. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Audience of Citizens

No members of the audience addressed the Board of Education.

VI. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONTINUED

Donation – Lose Locks with Luke

According to Board of Education Policy Series 3000 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District, any gift valued over \$500.00 presented to the school district must be brought to the Board for official action and recognition.

The Officials Football Board contacted Athletic Director Cunningham regarding the efforts of Luciano Duffy and his Locks for Luke campaign. Inspired by his efforts, the Officials Football Board generously donated \$520.00, which would be deposited in the Old Saybrook High School Student Activities – Locks for Luke account. The Officials Football Board also recognized Lose Your Locks with Luke as the

fundraiser of the year. Luke Duffy presented his story to the Board regarding his background and the inspiration he used to begin the fundraiser.

Hyla/Baker

“Move to accept the Officials Football Board donation of \$520.00, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

OSEA Grant Award

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Old Saybrook Middle School Teacher Courtney Goodale has been awarded a \$600.00 grant to fund a motivational, disabilities awareness, and STEM-related speaker. The money from this grant will be used to bring Geoff Krill (and his service dog) to Old Saybrook Middle School from New Hampshire and speak as part of Ms. Goodale’s spring Survival unit. Mr. Krill is paralyzed from the ribcage down and lives an active life which includes being an adaptive ski coach and heading up Eastern Adaptive Sports, which brings sport and camaraderie to individuals with disabilities. Mr. Krill will come speak in all 5 of Ms. Goodale’s classes about adaptive technology, adaptive sports, and the power of a positive mindset. For more information on Mr. Krill, you may visit his website at geoffkrill.com.

Baker/Sultini

“Move to accept the Old Saybrook Education Foundation Grant of \$600.00, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Student Data Privacy Presentation

Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, shared an update of the District’s Student Data Privacy practices. This presentation was a response to a request made by the Board of Education for more information about student data privacy.

The following links may provide helpful background or serve as resources for interested members of the Board of Education:

- Old Saybrook Public Schools’ [Student Data Privacy webpage](#)
- [Public Act 16-189](#), Student Data Privacy Legislation

For the full presentation, please visit the following link: [Student Data Privacy](#).

Care 4 Kids

The District is applying to the State of Connecticut to participate in Care 4 Kids beginning on July 1, 2019. Care 4 Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. This program is sponsored by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.

The District will need to apply to participate and once approved, we will notify families that this program is available to them. The state will review our facilities and policies to assure we comply with the requirements of this program.

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to approve the Care 4 Kids application process, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Residency Request

Board of Education Policy “Series 9000 Board Member Roles” states that the Board shall consider any specific recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, the District’s practice has been to allow the Board of Education to decide student residency issues. It has been the District’s procedure in the past to allow students who have moved from the district during the latter part of the school year to remain enrolled in order for them to complete their academic year with their classmates. There is a family at Old Saybrook High School who is requesting that the Board allow their son to remain enrolled at Old Saybrook High School through the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year despite their recent residency departure from the town. The Superintendent recommended the Board allow this student to remain in the school system for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year. This recommendation is contingent on the student maintaining himself in good standing. Failure to do so could result in the rescinding of permission to attend school in Old Saybrook. The family of the student must also provide their own transportation to and from school.

Principal Riffle supported the petition to have the student remain at the Old Saybrook High School until the conclusion of the 2018-2019 academic year while the family resides out of town.

Brodeur/Hyla

“Move to approve the residency request, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Board of Education Handbook Update

At its February 26, 2019 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed the Board of Education Member Handbook, which was created and edited by members of the Personnel Committee. At their meeting, the Board proposed revisions to the “Role of the School Board” section. The Board reviewed and discussed the amendments to the handbook.

Baker/Sultini

“Move to approve the proposed changes to the Board of Education Handbook, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

VII. REMINDERS

- OSHS – PAC Meeting – March 13 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – March 13 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Spring Musical – March 14-16 – 7:30PM
- Policy Committee Meeting – March 19 – 6:00PM
- Public Budget Hearing – March 19 – 7:00PM
- KGS – Science Day– March 22
- OSHS Wellness Week – March 25
- District – Board of Education Meeting – March 26 – 7:00PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Sultini

“Move to adjourn at 8:50PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

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