

Old Saybrook High School
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the Old Saybrook High School, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Tara Barros
Jim Henderson
Eileen Baker
Alan Hyla
George Chang
Cindy Sultini
Karen Brodeur
Karina Julius
Jan Furman

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Sheila Riffle, Old Saybrook High School Principal
Joseph Anastasio, Old Saybrook High School Associate Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barros called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Board Chairman Barros welcomed prospective Student Representatives for the 2019-2020 academic year.

II. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Reports from the Student/Board of Education Representatives

Sports

- Boys Lacrosse: 1-2

The team is off to a little bit of a bumpy start but have already started improving as the season continues on. Promising goalie senior James Carlin, commanding defensive Captain Matt Murphy (junior), well rounded and top scorer senior Captain Nolan Heiden, powerful attackmen junior Alem Tiden and veteran face-off man junior Ian Mason are really pulling the team together. The younger offense members have a promising future as they seem to be coming into their own.

- Girls Lacrosse: 1-0

Old Saybrook's Girls Lacrosse won against Wolcott high school with a final score of 21-5. This past Friday The girls went up against their rivals Old Lyme which they have lost in season and post season games to every year for the past four years.

This year the captains are senior Mandy Beck and Ally Kehlenbach.

- Softball: 0-3

The Rams Softball team's beginning of the season has not proven to be very successful. Last Thursday they lost 25-6 against Cromwell. Junior Taylor Cote hit a homerun. Junior Rachel Baldi and sophomore Christina Lombardi helped add to

the Ram's score. They played Westbrook yesterday on Westbrook's home field. Their next game is tomorrow against Old Lyme on our home field.

This year's captains are seniors Maeve Fowley and Sarah Howley.

- **Baseball: 0-2**

Both boys JV and Varsity baseball were 0-2 as of Friday. This past Saturday both teams played Cromwell High School on our home field.

On the 3rd, the boys played Coginchaug high school which resulted in a loss 4-2 on our home field.

The boys captains this year include seniors Patrick Kelley, Dan Cote, and Jordan Butler.

- **Boys and Girls Track:**

The track teams began the season with a strong first two weeks of training. Their first meet, the East Hampton Invitational, was this past Saturday.

The track teams have another meet this upcoming Thursday versus Morgan.

Other

- Chamber Singer traveled to Portsmouth New Hampshire to collaborate with a choir from another school and put on a performance.
- The spring fling dance was able to raise money for student council despite the scheduling issues. The additional spirit week was a nice touch, although it did not gain as much traction as the spirit week that occurs before field day.
- Wellness week was a success with many people learning things from the various presenters (the therapy goats were very popular).
- Quarter 4 began this past week, and the grades for quarter 3 came to a close.
- Important SAT and ACT dates coming up April 9th and 7th respectively.
- The middle school musical on March 27th and 29th went well.
- Interact club will be doing a fundraiser called "Pennies for Patients," collecting change for people with lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma.

The 2019-2020 prospective student representatives introduced themselves to the Board. The prospective representatives in attendance were Amina Cecunjanin, Jampel Dorjee, Ian Mason, and Nate Lacey-Giugno.

Correspondence

The Board of Education received the following correspondence:

- CAFE Liaison Newsletter
- Global Health and Leadership Conference Student Award Winners
- Art and Ice Cream at Goodwin Event Flyer

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Brodeur/Baker

“Move to approve the consent agenda, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

IV. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

OSHS Spotlight

TAJ, or Theater, Art, and Jazz Night, is a recurring event at the Old Saybrook High School featuring performances by student musicians and actors, a show of student art, and food prepared by culinary students, presented on trays made by students in the OSHS tech education rooms. TAJ nights are organized and prepared by the students themselves. At the Board of Education meeting, students and teachers involved in the most recent TAJ Night explained what went into making that event happen. Grace Olivieri represented the artwork presented to the Board, Caleb Ellinas represented the culinary program, and Sam Carlson represented the music program. Each student explained their connection to the overall TAJ event and the work they put into making the event a success. The students also described how these events helped them apply their learning into practical application towards their interest. The faculty were represented by Jeremy Taylor, Sara Menga, Lindsay More, Gerry Carlone, and Laura Caruthers.

The Board recessed at 7:45PM.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50PM

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

Profile of a Graduate and Standards Based Grading

Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment addressed two topics requested by the Board of Education during Superintendent Perruccio's mid-year evaluation.

The Profile of an Old Saybrook Public Schools Graduate, adopted by the Board last September, is a culminating statement for all of our PK-12 educational endeavors. It is the belief that standards-based practices are the best vehicle for achieving the learner outcomes embodied in the OSPS Graduate statement. In the presentation, connections were drawn among several curricular items addressed in past Board meetings: the OSPS Curriculum Framework, learner outcomes and priority standards, 21st century skills, academic content standards, like the Connecticut Core Standards, and standards-based practices. Director Goss also reviewed the Profile of a Graduate statement, "Old Saybrook Public Schools' graduates know themselves, welcome new challenges, and apply what they have learned." The presentation also drew on the Old Saybrook Middle School Spotlight on March 12, 2019. With goals 1 and 2 of the District strategic plan well underway, a solid network of interconnected parts have been created that, together, will result in the ideal Old Saybrook Schools graduate.

For the full presentation, please follow the link: [POG & Standards Based Grading Presentation](#)

Graduation Date

According to the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar, the first eligible last day of school is June 14, 2019. Inclement weather has caused school cancellation on two separate occasions during the school year, both of which were absorbed by built in snowflake days.

By law, the Board of Education may set a firm date no earlier than the first Board meeting in April. The Superintendent recommended to the Board of Education to set the graduation date for Friday, June 14, 2019, which meets the required 180-day academic year for students. By setting this date, the District will also be scheduling high school commencement for June 14, 2019. The Middle School closing ceremonies will also be held on that date if there are no additional school closings.

Brodeur/Sultini

"Move to set the Graduation Date for June 14, 2019"

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brodeur/Furman

"Move to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:00PM for the purpose of discussing non-certified/non-union contracts"

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

The Board invited Superintendent Perruccio into Executive Session.

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:14PM.

Sultini/Furman

“Move to approve the Non-Certified/Non-Union Contract for the Director of Operations, Facilities, and Finance, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

IX. REMINDERS

- OSHS– PAC Meeting– April 10 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – April 10 – 7:00PM
- OSMS – Safety/Wellness Day – April 11
- KGS – Grade 2 Music and Art – April 11 – 2:15PM & 7:00PM
- District – Spring Break – April 15 – 19
- KGS – Special Friend Day
- District – Board of Education Meeting – April 23 – 7:00PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to adjourn at 9:15PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (9-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting