

ORLEANS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

APPROVED

Regular Meeting, August 18, 2014, Orleans Town Hall

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

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Present for the Committee: Josh Stewart, Chair, Ginger Marks, Gail Briere, David Abel  
For the Administration: Dr. Richard Hoffmann, Giovanna Venditti, Elaine Pender  
Others in Attendance: Ron Collins, OES After School Staff members

**CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES** – The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. Item F. was moved to second on the agenda.

**CITIZENS SPEAK** – No one wished to speak.

**RECOGNITIONS** – Ms. Pender, new OES Principal, was welcomed to her first school committee meeting.

**PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**Orleans After School Activities Program**

Staff from the program were welcomed to the meeting. Enrollment clarification information is now in the handbook. Entrance into the program is first come, first served. 85% of students are from working parents. The mission is to provide the best quality care to working families. The financial crisis in 2008 did have an effect on the program. Today the program is able to accept 52 students with 13 on the wait list. This enrollment increase will be studied going forward. The program requested a document (licensing agreement) to allow them to operate out of OES. They are a separate entity, are self-funded, and wholly responsible for the safety and security of the children in the program. The earlier dismissal time at OES and the later dismissal time at the high school has created a hardship for some parents. Older siblings aren't at home in time to care for younger siblings. The program is trying to put away some money for a "rainy day" as it has done before. For now, with the space allocated to the program, it can operate with 52 students. People do come off the wait list as circumstances change. Mrs. Marks commented that expansion is a non-issue and couldn't support it. Dr. Hoffmann will take a look at some documents in order to formalize the relationship. Ms. Kilawee said they would have their board draw up a licensing agreement.

**Update on Capital Projects**

Ron Collins, the town's Building and Facilities Manager, said the security system project is underway and the school perimeter will be secured by opening day. The vestibule will not be completed and they were unable to relocate a tree. Galaxy IT is wiring the school. There is not enough money budgeted to relocate the office area. Change orders will be looked at. The relocation of the conference area is not in the budget. Kel Kor will install doors after school hours. The ceiling has been changed out in the kitchen area. A fan was added in the dish washing area, and it is hoped an exhaust fan can be put in the lavatory area. The projects are in a good place to be buttoned up and ready for school opening. Carpeting had to go out to bid. Three rooms are being done. The Music room may be able to be done at Christmas time. The electrician will conduit wire to computer tables in the lab on Monday. The wires will be painted in December to make them less noticeable. The committee thanked Mr. Collins for his report and efforts on behalf of the school.

### Administrators' Reports

Ms. Pender thanked Mr. Collins for being at the school every day to support all the ongoing projects. She noted that the school is "topsy turvy" but will be ready for opening day. Enrollment projections have been pretty close. For now, kindergarten numbers are okay. Teachers have been in and out all summer. She has met with most of them and they have been wonderful. Ms. Pender said School Psychologist, Sue Quatrocelli took a job at the Middle School. Interviews for her position will begin tomorrow. School custodians, Dom, Glenn and Paul, were recognized for their hard work getting the school ready for opening day. Ms. Pender said she was amazed at how much the school was used over the summer. The replacement cost for the stage curtain came in at \$2500. It will have to be determined if the project can move forward.

The packet contained Dr. Hoffmann's written report. In addition he noted the administrators attended an institute on staff evaluations. The evidence piece determined guidelines and focus elements.

### FY14 Final Expense Review

Ms. Venditti reviewed the final School Expenditure Report contained in the school committee packet. The amount of \$1362.88 was returned to the town.

### PARCC vs MCAS

On August 8, Ms. Briere attended a MA Division 7 meeting on the topic. State wide, 297 districts out of 345 will be administering the PARCC test. 121 will administer the MCAS. Initially, 21 states and the District of Columbia had signed up for PARCC, however, only 11 states are remaining with PARCC. There is not a lot of evidence available yet to evaluate the test results and to be able to inform parents. Ms. Briere noted that Nauset has been aligning its curriculum to the Common Core standards, so we aren't at a disadvantage in that regard. She feels the state should make a decision. Wellfleet and Eastham did decide to go with PARCC. Ms. Pender said she was concerned with the technology piece. *A motion was made by Mr. Abel and seconded by Mrs. Marks that OES stay with the MCAS testing. The vote was unanimous.*

### Meeting Schedule

The committee will continue to meet at 3:30 p.m. Note – The September 22 meeting will be held at Orleans Elementary School due to a scheduling conflict with Town Hall.

### **OTHER REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

The OES School Committee will meet on Friday, August 22 at 8:30 a.m. to formally appoint Ms. Briere to the Superintendent's Search Committee as well as approve policies. The committee will meet on Wednesday August 20 at 6:30 p.m. with the Orleans Selectmen to appoint Hank Schumacher as the new school committee member. Appointing a new Union 54 rep will be on September agenda.

Cape Cod Collaborative – Committee rep resigned.

Playground Subcommittee – Mr. Stewart said the subcommittee will begin work in earnest in the fall. Landscaping the area is a priority.

Transportation Subcommittee (Mrs. Marks) – no report.

Policy Subcommittee – On the agenda for the upcoming October 1st Joint Meeting.

Preschool Enrollment – Reported earlier.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Ms. Briere and seconded by Mr. Abel to approve the minutes of June 16, 2014 as printed. The vote was unanimous.*

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**ADJOURNMENT** - It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Templeton, Secretary  
Orleans School Committee