

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

OCSU Board Meeting

Location: Virtual – Google Meet
Monday, July 20, 2020 – 7:30 pm

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Our Vision: All of our students will have choices for success throughout their lives.

Our Mission: It is the mission of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to provide an environment that celebrates diversity and creativity, promotes inclusion and integrity, and partners with parents and community members to give students access to a 21st century education.

MINTUES

PRESENT: Bev Davis, Superintendent; Amy Leroux; Julie Lavine, Preschool Director; Kelly Locke, Special Services Director; Dan Demaine; Megan Valley; Heather Wright, Business Manager; Sherrie Gentry, Orleans principal; Larry Fliegelman, Brownington principal; Pat Davis; Rod Owens; Theresa Peura; Dave Blodgett; Neil Urie

- 1) Call to Order 7:35 pm
- 2) Vermont Open Meeting Law – Reminder that this meeting is being recorded
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda None
- 4) Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action) Theresa Peura addressed the board about racial justice and wants the SU to examine its history in regards to systemic racism. She also suggested doing an annual survey to allow students to report racial incidents. She also wants to ensure that students who want to support racial activism are supported and made aware of opportunities for their activism. Roderick Owens wanted to know the process for flying a black lives matter flag and murals painted at various schools.
- 5) Consent Agenda (Action) Pat moves, Megan 2nd. All in favor.
 - a) Approve Minutes from OCSU Board June 22, 2020
 - b) Accept Financial Reports
 - c) Approve Bills
- 6) Business of the Board
 - a) Busing Bev has made arrangements to continue busing to ensure access for students to school. Since Vermont is in Phase 3 of the guidelines, busses can operate at normal capacity. If Vermont goes back to Phase 2, bus capacity will go in half and there is not capacity for our current bus population. Currently at least 80% of families are planning on attending in person but numbers of kids on busses is not known. If this happens the board may need to make some decisions on how to operate busing.
 - b) Head Start Memorandum of Understanding. Head Start holds the license in Albany while OCSU holds the license at COFEC. This year, Head Start wants to offer a full day program for 3 year olds at Albany while COFEC only offers a half day. Since Head Start holds the license, this is a

decision they can make although it is an equity issue for families attending Barton. Julie thinks part of the reason Head Start is offering this is because the numbers in Albany are lower and this may help some families attend.

- c) Length of school day – teachers. The contract says the school day for teachers starts half an hour before school and half an hour after. The union has asked for a MOU for a set length of day (ie. 8 hours). The union wants the board to authorize Bev to sign an MOU to this effect once they produce this. Currently there is a difference between the high school and elementary school days. Board doesn't want any MOU to go for more than one year but feels comfortable with Bev signing one for this year.
- d) Julie Lavine summer work. Bev had asked the EMS board to allow EMS principals to work 10 days in July and would like OCSU board to approve Julie working 10 days. Pat motions to allow Julie Lavine to work 10 days additional to her contract at the per diem rate. Dave 2nd. All in favor.
- e) Preschool Fall Plans
 - i) Busing Butler's asked to not allow busing for preschoolers because of concerns about the health guidelines and the difficulties young children may have following them. Julie is concerned that not offering bus may make it hard for some families to attend. Generally, 10-20 4 year olds have ridden the bus. Board would like to offer busing to preschoolers.
 - ii) Weekly schedule. Preschool has many tangible items that are a part of the learning environment and the cleaning required because of COVID will be onerous. Julie is suggesting that all Wednesdays be half days. There was also discussion of items that need to be removed because of the guidelines. Board is ok with half days on Wednesday.
 - iii) Health and Safety. There was discussion in the guidelines about masks. They are required but it is understood that preschoolers may struggle developmentally to keep masks on. There are other parts of the guidelines that Julie is working on harmonizing with COFEC's current practices.
- 7) Policies Offered public a chance to comment (none) but no action taken.
 - a) Policy D15: Electronic Communications Between Employees and Students
 - b) Policy F35: School Choice
- 8) Administrative Requests, Reports & Information (Discussion & Possible Action)
- 9) Anticipated Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Sec. 313)
 - a) Post Executive Session Action (if needed)
- 10) Future Agenda Items
- 11) Adjournment (Action) Dave motions to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Pat 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Demaine