

# South Hampton School Board

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*School Administrative Unit No. 21*

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## August 1, 2017 Minutes

*Approved by the Board – September 6, 2017*

### In Attendance

- School Board members: Kimberly Molin (Chair), Rebecca Burdick, Nancy Considine
  - Administration: Kenneth Darsney (Principal), Matt Ferreira (Business manager)
1. Call to Order – Kim Molin called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
  2. Consideration of the Minutes:
    - a. Rebecca Burdick made a motion to accept the June 7, 2017 Public Hearings and Public Vote Minutes as written. Nancy Considine seconded. Vote 3 – 0 in favor.
  3. Reports:
    - a. Superintendent – The Superintendent report was included in the packet. The administrative retreat will take place in August and the agenda will include professional development, competency implementation planning and other items listed. The Human Resources Manager position for SAU#21 has been posted.
    - b. Principal – Principal Darsney’s report was reviewed. He thanked the PTA for hosting the annual staff recognition celebration. Principal Darsney recently attended the NH Competency –Based Design Studio, a program aimed at continuity and preparation for students.
    - c. Board – Kim Molin reviewed. The joint newsletter from Principal Darsney and the board will be focused on returning to school; it will be mailed this month.
    - d. Finance – The report was in the packet and was reviewed. There is nothing new to report.
    - e. Facilities – The H.L. Turner Group Inc. has done an assessment of the school’s facilities and made recommendations of some minor issues including the addition of mulch to the playground.
    - f. Board Goals Update – The Board and Principal Darsney will be mailing their joint letter within the next 1-2 weeks.
    - g. Other – Nothing to report.
  4. Questions and Comments from Those in Attendance – None.
  5. Continuing Business

- a. Superintendent Search – The search is ongoing by The New England School Development Council (NESDEC) firm. There is a joint Board meeting scheduled for 8/21/2017 to discuss next steps and a calendar timeline.

## 6. New Business

- a. Resolution of Improper Cap and Withholding of Adequate Education Funding – A lawsuit brought by The City of Dover against The State of New Hampshire alleged that the cap on State Education Grants was unconstitutional; in September of 2016 a County Superior Court Judge ruled that the cap was unconstitutional. As a result of this lawsuit, South Hampton received \$20,444.00. The City of Dover has requested that South Hampton, while under no legal obligation to do so, contribute \$111.46 to the cost of legal expenses. A vote was taken; Rebecca Burdick made a motion to vote in favor, Nancy Considine seconded. Vote 3 – 0 in favor of contributing \$111.46 to The City of Dover.
- b. Audit Questionnaire
  - I. BBBF Ethics Policy Statement – Completed by the Board and signed by Chairperson Kim Molin.
  - II. BBFA Board Member Conflict of Interest – Reviewed
  - III. DFA Investment – Reviewed
  - IV. DGD Use of Credit Cards – Reviewed
  - V. DIA Fund Balance – Reviewed
  - VI. GBEA Staff Ethics – Conflict of Interest – Reviewed
- c. 2017-2018 Parent – Student Handbook – Principal Darsney stated that next year a contest would be held for the students to win the opportunity to have their artwork appear on the cover of the handbook. The handbook was reviewed and some minor edits were made to format. The dress code was discussed. Current state does not include mention of “boys” but does include “girls” regarding dress requirements; the word “girls” shall be replaced by the word “students”. Business Administrator, Matt Ferreira stated that it is the position of the administration that the young women of the community are never to be considered a “distraction” and will not be blamed for being such.
- d. Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils RSA 193:13 (b) (Vote Required) – Authorizes Superintendent Sullivan the authority to continue the suspension of a pupil for a period in excess of ten school days. Kim Molin made a motion to vote in favor, Rebecca Burdick seconded. Vote 3 – 0 in favor.
- e. 2018 – 2019 Budget Development
  - I. Review of Budget Timeline/ Calendar of Events – The deliberative session scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2018 at 7pm has been moved to Tuesday, February 8, 2018 at 7pm.
  - II. Discussion of Budget Expectations
- f. Extra-Curricular Stipends Committee Recommendations – The committee recommended adjusting the “Yearbook Club” stipend from \$306 to \$750, with the funds coming from the “Multiple Before/After School Advisors” stipend. Kim Molin made a motion to accept, Rebecca Burdick seconded. Vote 3 – 0 in favor.
- g. Board Meeting Start Time – The next board meeting will start at 6:30pm.

7. Personnel – Nothing to report.

8. Policy – None.

9. Other – None.

10. Signing of the Manifests. Completed.

11. Next Meeting Date: September 6, 2017. 6:30pm.

12. Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-e) Roll Call Vote

Kim Molin made a motion to enter in to Non-Public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Callahan, School Board Secretary