

Hampton Falls School Board - Regular Meeting (Tuesday, April 14, 2020)

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Members present

Greg Marrow, Greg Parish, Mark Lane, Jason Farias

Superintendent Bill Lupini, Assistant Superintendent David Hobbs, Executive Director of Student Services Caroline Arakelian, Business Administrator Matt Ferreira and LAS Principal Beth Raucci.

Absent: John Bailly

Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM**1. Call to Order**Procedural: A. **Roll Call**

Chair Greg Parish opened the meeting by reading the following statement.

As Chair of the Hampton Falls School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Hampton Falls School Board, have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 929-205-6099 and Password 878 674 362 or by clicking on the following website address: (listed on the agenda)

<https://zoom.us/j/878674362?pwd=TFIMZGhkZXJwR05kcU50a0NEcHlkZz09>

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the SAU 21 Office at www.sau21.org.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please call 603-926-8992 ext. 103 or email at revans@sau21.org

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law

Roll call was taken.

2. MinutesAction, Minutes: A. **March 25, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Greg Marrow arrived at 6:40

Motion to approve the minutes of the Hampton Falls School Board regular meeting of March 25, 2020.

Motion by Mark Lane, second by Greg Marrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Greg Marrow, Greg Parish, Mark Lane, Jason Farias

3. ReportsInformation: A. **Finance Report**

Mr. Ferreira reviewed the finance report with the Board. He stated they are monitoring the expenditures and any savings due to the school closures and remote instruction. Some investments have been made such as technology costs and software subscriptions. Some savings are expected for this school year but possible costs may be incurred in next year's budget.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Procedural: A. **Public Comment** - The Board paused for public comment but none were received.

5. Continuing BusinessInformation: A. **Update on COVID-19 relative to School Closure**

Dr. Lupini reported that the Governor is signaling an announcement on school closures soon. We anticipate hearing something later this week in regard to extending the remote learning. Discussions are currently happening involving health officials on the conditions of reopening schools and how that roll-out might occur. Dr. Lupini has been in conversations with town officials and will also be involved with Senator Sherman's discussion group occurring with other officials along the seacoast. CARE funding was briefly discussed. We expect about 85% of our Title 1 funding. There are a wide range of uses on how that money needs to be related to COVID-19.

He thanked the SAU Admin team, LAS Principal Beth Raucci, Special Education Director Melissa McKeon and all the LAS teachers for all their work. He has received numerous emails from parents expressing what an amazing job everyone has been doing.

Dr. Hobbs reported on Curriculum Instruction Assessment and what final report cards are going to look like. A letter from the SAU was drafted to be sent to parents and will be followed up with one from their school with more in depth detail. For schools such as LAS that currently do dual reporting it will not be much different, competency measurement and traditional

measurement.

Teacher certifications are being completed. Only one or two left to follow up with. Summative evaluations are also being completed.

He also reported on the accountability process being utilized to report on the amount of work put in by teacher and student participation. This information is reported on Fridays, processed over the weekend and provided to Principal's to distribute on Mondays.

Principal Raucci started with a personal note for LAS families and that staff is trying to lead with their hearts. Admires the staff's ability to listen, adapt and lead with compassion for families that need something different. Nothing normal with what we're doing and nothing normal where students will start out next fall. Staff continues to meet weekly. She encourages families to reach out to them and understands that families are hitting their limits. Staff is conscientious of this on a daily basis.

Discussions are also happening on ways to celebrate the 8th graders in new and traditional ways. Parents concerns are being heard and are relayed to the grade level team to adapt what they are doing based on feedback from families.

Dr. Arakelian reported that IEPs are being managed with a lot of care. They reach out to families as much as humanly reasonable. EAs, case managers, speech and language pathologists are incredibly resourceful right now on how to reach out to students and work with them.

Principal Raucci added that SEL goals are still happening. The mission impact group of middle school students are video chatting with nursing homes and reading books and recording them and sending the recordings to nursing homes. Some teachers have been recording podcasts and this has helped find balance for students in first and second grades.

Dr. Arakelian updated the board on meal distribution. A third route was added and feedback has been well-received stating this route was the very streamlined and efficient. Meals are available for all students.

Dan Courter, with the NH Medicaid Compliance Alignment, has been holding trainings for all of our related services providers reviewing the Medicaid compliance rule changes. Educational Associates are being provided with additional educational opportunities related to remote learning. In addition, Ms. McKeon holds weekly meetings with her EAs.

Our nurses, counselors and social emotional team put together a new document titled Care, Comfort and Supports which provides numerous resources for parents on issues such as remote learning, dealing with stress and anxiety, grief, and medical issues among many other items with a link on website.

Mr. Ferreira reported the building access continues to be limited.

All SAU internal operations are continuing at 100% in this remote environment such as accounts payable, payroll, and human resources. Hiring continues, payroll is continuing and vendors are being paid. He thanked everyone including the facilities teams, technology teams, secretarial staff and school nutrition departments. These behind the scenes workers are incredibly important to keep everything up and running.

We are closely monitoring any funding that we may receive through the CARES Act.

Other items discussed included potential re-entry plans and what types of conditions would have to be met before we could think about resuming school.

Funding from the CARES Act uses the Title 1 formula which is done by district.

Preparations being made for the potential school closure through the end of the school year.

Ways to honor the Grade 8 students for their achievements and something to replace their trip that they missed due to the coronavirus.

Discussion: B. **School Board Calendar Update** - no update to provide.

Discussion: C. **2019-2020 Board Goals** - no update to provide

6. New Business

Information: A. **School District Clerk**

It was learned that Mary Nawn has accepted the appointment as the Hampton Falls School District Clerk after she received 2 write-in votes at the March 10, 2020 election. Her term will run for 3 years and expire on March 14, 2023.

Discussion, Information: B. **Board Vacancy**

A letter of resignation was received from School Board Member Mark Lane effective July 1st. Mr. Lane was recently elected to serve on the Hampton Falls Select Board. A draft announcement was reviewed soliciting letters from individuals interested in filling Mr. Lane's seat on the school board. The term will expire March 2021. Chair Greg Parish expressed his sincere regret and appreciation for the service of Mark Lane while on the school board.

7. Personnel

Action, Information: A. **Resignation**

Motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Knight as the Grade 7/8 Math Teacher effective the end of this school year.

Motion by Greg Parish, second by Mark Lane.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Greg Marrow, Greg Parish, Mark Lane, Jason Farias

8. Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-e)

Procedural: A. **Roll Call to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-e)** - not needed.

9. Resume Public Meeting

Procedural: A. **Resume Public Meeting after the Non-Public Session** - not held.

10. Next Meeting Date

Information: A. **Joint Board Weekly Update - Thursday, April 16, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**

Information: B. **Joint Board Weekly Update - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**

Information: C. **Joint Board Weekly Update - Tuesday, April 28, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**

Information: D. **Hampton Falls School Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.**

Information: E. **Operations Committee Meeting - Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

11. Adjourn

Action: A. **Adjourn the Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting 7:46 p.m.

Motion by Greg Marrow, second by Mark Lane.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Greg Marrow, Greg Parish, Mark Lane, Jason Farias