

North Hampton School District

School Board Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
North Hampton School – Music Room
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School Board members: James Sununu; Chair, Tamara Le; Vice-Chair, Cindy Burke, Gregg Duffy, and Thomas von Jess.

James Sununu; Chair, arrived to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Administration: Robert Sullivan, Ed.D; Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, Richard Boardman; Principal, and Tracy Griffenhagen; Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services.

Documents presented during the meeting are available through the SAU21 Office

At 6:00 p.m., Tamara Le called the School Board meeting to **order**.

4. Questions/Comments from Those in Attendance – There were no questions/comments.

5. Education Update (Out of Order)

b. 6th Grade Merrowvista Camp Presentation

Wendy Crowley, Patricia Johnston and Chris LaCroix presented a short video that captured the recent sixth grade class experience at Merrowvista Camp. Students spoke of the work and collaborating responsibilities within a community, and learning to respect all the different personalities during this journey. While hiking up a mountain each student spent five minutes individually with each person in the group, and got to know everyone.

We learned to trust our naturalist. During the evenings we played games like kick the can, sardines, and flashlight tag. We did not use electronics during this experience.

Our sixth grade community has completely grown after this experience and we saw new perspectives of how other people are feeling.

Appreciation was expressed to the Board for their support and funding of the Merrowvista Camp Trip.

a. School Council

Principal Boardman led a brief discussion:

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- Service learning to express appreciation by attending Pease greetings, and sending cards to active military personnel.
- Teacher work sessions for all grade levels to introduce the next generation standards and science curriculum.
- Project Lead the Way Programming that helps provide curriculum, models classroom activities, enhances student empowerment, and provides teacher training.
- Report Card Committee is preparing for the November 15th parent informational night and reviewing the report card, document, along with the accompanied information that goes with it.
- Professional Learning Committee will be establishing what learning opportunities will be presented in the building for the November 8th workshop.
- Feedback on the back to school picnic.

- b. **NEASC Application** A brief discussion was held regarding the school visit held on Thursday, September 22nd, our application was reviewed, addressed protocols for school message, culture, and school pride.

James Sununu arrived to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes (Out of order)

Motion: Tamara Le moved to approve the September 15, 2016 Public minutes as written and Non-public minutes as written. Second: Thomas von Jess. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Gregg Duffy abstained).

6. Continuing Business

a. Board Goals

The Board held a brief discussion on Board Goal 1, and will organize to hold a work session to strategize, understand and drive the goal forward, during the week of October 31st.

Thomas von Jess agreed to organize a meeting date.

Board Goal 2 included establishing a Facebook page, communication methods for parents such as blogs, newsletters, blackboard connect, web site, and teacher communication methods.

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b. NHYA Facilities Usage Inquiry

Lisa Martin inquired about usage fees and how it impacts the organization, and looking at ways to defer or waive the costs of custodians fees.

The Board agreed that the purpose of the custodian presence at the games are to unlock and lock the doors, clean up the bathrooms, gymnasium to make sure that the next school day opens with the bathrooms and gymnasium in order, and Saturday is overtime pay for custodians.

The Board consensus was not to change policy and agreed to follow up with Lisa Martin; President of NHYA.

7. New Business – No new business.

8. Written Reports

a. Superintendent Sullivan provided a written report and discussed:

- ❖ The New Hampshire Department of Education is interested in your input.
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YT6BFML>) The survey link is located on the SAU21 web site.
- ❖ SAU #21 unofficial student enrollment is currently 2,396.
- ❖ An article from Education Week, September 30, 2016 entitled Study Highlights Importance of Principals in Teacher-Retention Efforts by Brenda Iasevoli.
- ❖ DREAM THINK DO Your Possibilities are Endless pamphlet representing Winnacunnet High School.
- ❖ Attached a templet of the SAU#21 Leadership Team Meetings.
- ❖ Attending the New Hampshire School Administrators Administration on October 24, 2016.

b. Assistant Superintendent Search Update continues to move forward.

c. Administration Report:

Tracy Griffenhagen provided a written report and discussed: Library News, a recent lock down and bus evacuation drill, upcoming events that can be viewed on the school web site, and Homeland Security who visited the school and will provide a report with any compliance suggestions, emergency table top exercise, collaborative efforts for safety with first responders, and installing a disc golf unit – which is a flying disc game.

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d. Financial Report

Matt Ferreira provided the FY16 expense report and discussed Line Items: Page 1 – Salaries Certified Staff, Surpluses on EA's and Certified Staff – Salaries, Special Education - Out of District, Information, Technology, Page 4 Audit, Telephone, Page 5 – Equipment, and following up on the 911 Compliance, and Student Activity Account.

North Hampton 2015-2016 Audit Summary Matt Ferreira discussed:

Unreserved Fund Balance = \$118,846

Expendable Trust Funds - Current Balances: Special Education \$80,000; Health Care \$93,617; Building Maintenance \$109,966; Energy Improvements \$105,105, and Technology \$15,038.

e. BUDCOM

Matt Ferreira has agreed to attend the meeting scheduled for October 31, 2016.

f. Facilities

John Gamache provided a written September 2016 Facilities Report.

The Board expressed their compliments on the ball fields that look great and are functional.

g. School Nutrition

Paula Field provided the September 2016 School Nutrition report.

h. Town CIP Committee reports can be found on the town website.

I. Winnacunnet Update: Warriors football is gearing up for the first round of playoffs.

3. Correspondence/Commendations (Out of Order)

Commendations were expressed to Scott Taylor Enterprise for their donation of \$250 for the music department.

Commendations were expressed to the Rye Beach Little Boars Head Garden Club for their donation of \$50 to support the greenhouse.

9. Personnel a. Leave Request - To be discussed during Non-public session.

10. Policy

11. Signing of the Manifests – The Board members present signed the manifest.

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12. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:

Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Public Hearing for Acceptance of Donation
- b. Regular Meeting
- c. Budget Session Dates

The Board agreed to meet Tuesday, October 25, at 5:00 p.m. Winnacunnet Principals Conference room, Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 7:30 a.m., and Wednesday, November 10, at 7:30 a.m.

Motion: Tamara Le moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c, e) at 7:32 p.m. Second: Cindy Burke. Roll call vote: James Sununu says yes, Tamara Le says yes, Gregg Duffy says yes, Cindy Burke says yes, and Thomas von Jess says yes.
Motion passed 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Hastings

Recording Secretary

(Approved November 17, 2016)