

North Hampton School District

School Board Public Meeting

North Hampton School – Principal’s Conference Room - 7:30 a.m.

201 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton

Thursday, November 10, 2016

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Public Minutes

Approved by the Board – November 17, 2016

School Board Members present: James Sununu; Chair, Tamara Le; Vice-Chair, Cindy Burke, Greg Duffy, Thomas von Jess

Administration present: Robert Sullivan; Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, Nancy Tuttle; Finance Manager, Richard Boardman; Principal, Tracy Griffenhagen; Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services

Documents presented during the meeting are available through the SAU21 office.

The meeting was called to order by James Sununu at 7:37 a.m.

The board held a lengthy discussion on potential warrant articles for the March 2017 warrant. Items discussed included SEA contract, Long Term Maintenance, Library/Music Room Roof, Energy Improvements, and the following Expendable Trust Funds: SPED, Health Insurance and Building Maintenance.

It was noted that if the roof replacement project is completed at a lower cost than initially anticipated the remaining funds would be returned to Unreserved Fund Balance.

The order of the Expendable Trust Funds was also discussed as it determines the order of funding should there not be funds available at year end. There is always the possibility that the last Expendable Trust Fund listed may not receive any funding. The Board deliberated whether it was best to “raise and appropriate” or use Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the SPED Expendable Trust. It is anticipated that a withdrawal from this fund will be required during the 2016-2107 school year.

Motion: James Sununu moved to propose the following Warrant Articles:

1. SEA Negotiations – amount to be determined
2. SPED - \$90,000 (raise and appropriate)
3. Long Term Maintenance - \$78,000
4. Library/Music Room Roof - \$125,000
5. Energy Improvements - \$45,000 (raise and appropriate)
6. SPED Expendable Trust Fund - \$60,000 (unreserved fund balance)
7. Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund – \$25,000 (unreserved fund balance)

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8. Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund - \$15,000 (unreserved fund balance)

Motion seconded by Tamara Le. 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.

Proposed classroom configurations were discussed by Principal Boardman and Assistant Principal/Dir. of Special Services Griffenhagen. Handouts were also provided showing the configuration over the next four years.

Due to the declining enrollment the reduction of the following positions for 2017-2018 was proposed: 1 EA, 1 Technology, 1 Middle School Science, ½ Art and ½ Spanish. The Library Assistant position will remain at the standard EA contract instead of the earlier proposed full-time. Reduction of Literacy Specialist to ½ time (additional time will be supplemented through Title I and Title II Grant funding). This proposal results in a reduction of six (6) benefit packages for the 2017-2018 budget.

Boardman and Griffenhagen explained that much thought was put into the reconfiguration. NHS will still have 21 EA's that will allow the same amount of contact time with the students. The Board acknowledged the effort and expressed their appreciation.

Gregg Duffy expressed concern over cutting positions to ½ time status resulting in the elimination of benefit packages.

(Gregg Duffy excused himself at 8:44 a.m.)

Part time positions still allow NHS to continue to offer student contact in programs such as Art and Spanish. Boardman explained that enrollment has declined over the last few years.

The Board requested actual numbers from the SAU office based on the proposal presented by NHS Administrators.

Dr. Sullivan also expressed that open communication with SEA is important.

(Tracy Griffenhagen excused herself at 8:55 a.m.)

New budget worksheet page 111 (Electricity) was distributed.

Motion: The salary of the Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services was discussed. After some deliberation, James Sununu moved to increase the salary by \$5,000. Motion was seconded by Tom von Jess. Motion passed: 4-0.

One retirement notice has been received.

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The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016. All budgetary information resulting from today’s meeting will be presented to the board at this meeting for a formal vote on the 2017-2018 budget.

The board will meet with the BudCom on Monday, November 21, 2016.

Motion: James Sununu moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. Tamara Le seconded.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Evans

Secretary to the Superintendent