

North Hampton School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
North Hampton School - Music Room
201 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton
www.sau21.org

School Board members: James Sununu; Chair, Tamara Le; Vice-Chair, Cindy Burke, Gregg Duffy, and Thomas von Jess.

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

Other: John Croteau; President SEA, and Daniel Singer; SEA Representative. North Hampton teachers other SEA members.

Documents presented during the meeting are available through the SAU21 Office

At 6:02 p.m., James Sununu called the School Board meeting to **order**.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Tamara Le moved to approve the October 20, 2016 Public meeting minutes as amended and Non-public minutes as written. Second: Gregg Duffy. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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Motion: Tamara Le moved to approve the October 25, 2016 Work Session as written. Second: Thomas von Jess. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion: Tamara Le moved to approve the November 2, 2016 Public meeting minutes as written. Second: Cindy Burke. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion: Tamara Le moved to approve the November 10, 2016 Public minutes as written. Second: Thomas von Jess. Motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Correspondence/Commendations

Commendations to our seventh grade student Lego Robotics Team – The Pi Heads: Jack Ambrogi, James Choate, Calvin Duffy, Emily Jeffrey, Will Martino, Daniel Passero, Noah Robie, and Trevor Stempien, to their coaches Mike Ambrogi, Anne Ambrogi and Brenda Tharp. The school community is proud of our students and thankful for the coach's time. The project is a smart bat house to help bats thrive in the summer and ward off White Nose Syndrome from killing the bats. This project won the "best overall team champions award" at the Regional

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Competition at Dartmouth College. On Saturday, December 3rd, the Pi Heads will travel to the state competition.

Commendations to Dan Singer and Marsha Zavez for coaching the wonderful talent show.

4. Questions/Comments from Those in Attendance

Steffie Stempien expressed appreciation to the teachers for all they do for our students, and respectfully inquired why there are no formal technology classes offered in the Middle School? Steffie offered to provide ideas as to what the middle school students could or should be achieving and encouraged the Board to maximize the student potential with technology.

Karin Backstrom commended the North Hampton staff for all they do for the student community, expressed concern for the overall budget, and requested if the Board would look at budget decreases in other parts of the budget as opposed to decreasing staff?

5. Education Update

a. School Council

Principal Boardman discussed:

- Parent Information Night is scheduled Nov 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- November 8th was a day of professional development where teams met, science curriculum expectations were discussed to develop new science lessons, and gathering feedback from curriculum night.

b. Smarter Balance Standard Assessment

Principal Boardman reviewed the results of the Smarter Balance Standard Assessment for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and the 2016 Science NECAP.

c. NEASC Update

Principal Boardman presented an acceptance letter from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

d. Report Card/Grading Update

On the November 29th parent night, parents will be shown how to utilize the parent portal, and will review the new report cards.

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Documents distributed were new report cards, and supporting documents.

6. Continuing Business

a. Board Goals

Cindy Burke informed that the communications goal committee is working on a new way of serving up black board service, Thursday weekly round-ups where all emails get batched, and School Board 1 is scheduled to meet. Feedback was primarily on hot links and communications, with compliments to the Board for increased communications.

b. Disc Golf Update

Nate Hooper; Phys. Ed/Athletic Director submitted a written report that was included in the Board packet requesting approval to create a 9-hole disc golf course on North Hampton School fields. PAL will hold a meeting to determine funding and there is no budget impact on the school.

The Board agreed to get more details about the continuing costs of replacement parts and location of the fields to be used.

7. New Business

a. Acceptance of Gift

Motion: James Sununu moved to accept the donation of \$5,000 to fund the start-up costs of Project Lead the Way. Second: Cindy Burke. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Richard P. Clark and Mr. Thomas M. Murphy for their generous gift to the North Hampton School Community.

James Sununu recessed the meeting at 6:52 p.m. to discuss the SEA Contract Update

The best procedure for the pre-ratification discussion is to do it in a non-meeting (Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining under RSA 91-A: 2, 1 (a)). This is because the negotiations are ongoing and the parties will return to the table if all boards do not ratify.

James Sununu reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

b. SEA Contract Update

Motion: Tamara Le moved to ratify the proposed 2017-2018 contract between the Seacoast Education Association and SAU #21 School Boards. Second: Gregg Duffy. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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c. 2017-2018 Budget Review

Motion: Tamara Le moved to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget for \$8,550,036.
Second: Thomas von Jess. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Gregg Duffy abstained).

8. Written Reports

a. Superintendent Sullivan provided a written report and discussed:

- ❖ Project Lead the Way Programs. (<https://www.pltw.org/>)
- ❖ NHDOE information on how New Hampshire Student Scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Science Assessment. Information is available at: www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/naep/index.htm. And <http://www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.
- ❖ NHDOE Listening Tour.
http://www.sau21.org/sau/images/Announcements/NH_Regional_Listening_Tour_Flier.pdf
- ❖ Unofficial SAU #21 enrollment is currently 2,514 students.

b. Assistant Superintendent Search Update

- ❖ The Assistant Superintendent search continues, with interviews being conducted during November.

c. Administration Report:

Principal Boardman and Tracy Griffenhagen discussed the Red Ribbon community meeting, where children will learn to make healthy choices, Tina and Chip Carey raising awareness of prescription drug abuse and addiction. Mark Ragonese; Artist in Residence.

“Pat Yeaton provided a written report that she, along with a group of professors, presented a proposal at the national Physical Education Conference in March 2016 that was accepted. Her group has also been approved for feature articles to be published in a world-wide Physical Education journal. Ms. Yeaton’s portion of the presentation and article will be done with Dr. Michelle Grenier from UNH. We are writing and presenting on including students with disabilities in general physical education focusing on students with autism.”

d. Financial Report

Matt Ferreira provided the FY16 expense report.

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e. BUDCOM

James Sununu reported that the first review of the school budget will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 and that a power point presentation will be forthcoming.

f. Facilities

John Gamache provided a written November 2016 Facilities Report.

g. School Nutrition

Paula Field provided a written November 2016 School Nutrition report.

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

I. Winnacunnet Update:

Superintendent Sullivan reported:

- ❖ The winter sports teams have begun to practice.
- ❖ An Art Department presentation was previously made to the Winnacunnet School Board

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

10. Policy

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

12. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:

Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Tamara Le moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a, c) at 7:24 p.m. Second: Thomas von Jess. 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 December 13, 2016)