

South Hampton School Board Meeting

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Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019 Time: 4:30 p.m.

School Administration Unit No. 21

Board Members Present: Jim Kime, Chairman; Sharon Gordon, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Burdick;

Administration Present: Walter Huston, Principal; Dr. William Lupini, Superintendent; Matt Ferreira, Business Administrator; Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Aline Donabedian, Director of Special Services

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Kime called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
2. **Consideration of the Minutes :**
 - a. May 2, 2019 Public (Vote Required)
 - b. Chairman Kime requested that "the Board" be corrected to "the District" on page 2 H 3
 - c. Vice Chairman Gordon moved to approve the Public/Non-Public Minutes from the May 2, 2019 meeting as amended, seconded by Ms. Burdick. The motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. Superintendent
 - i. Dr. Lupini noted that they were working with the School Board Association on a paperless platform. All of the School Boards agreed to participate in the pilot, and it will likely roll out late fall.
 - ii. Dr. Lupini listed important dates to remember. New teachers will be welcomed on Monday August 19, 2019. The School Board members should attend. Existing teachers return August 22, 2019 and August 23, 2019. There will be a general session at Winnacunnet in the auditorium. Students return on August 26, 2019 and August 27, 2019.
 - iii. Dr. Lupini commented that a letter explaining the Amesbury and Winnacunnet High School options was sent out to all families. Another letter will be sent in the fall. Chairman Kime questioned if it was posted on the web site. Dr. Lupini responded that it would be posted.
 - iv. Mr. Ferreira commented that the Federal Grant General Assurances document was provided. The Board is required to review it and the Chair will initial and sign off when that is completed.
 - b. Assistant Superintendent
 - i. Assistant Superintendent Cadarette introduced a presentation on the Competency Education. This year they committed to 45 Quality Performance Assessments (QPA) and ended up completing 96 of them. Assistant Superintendent Cadarette invited teachers Drew Szeliga and Sara Casassa to present the results.
 - ii. Mr. Szeliga commented that competency education is a change in the philosophy of education. The community should expect to see changes in class structure,

assessment and reporting. This year they have worked with a competency consultant to help implement some methods. QPA's let a student apply their learned knowledge to create something within a unique set of parameters. The big QPA this year was a tiny house project. Students chose and researched a topic relevant to the tiny house movement. They followed instructions and wrote a paper and then created a presentation on their topic for their peers. Ms. Casassa did the research and paper piece. They also drew a tiny house and created a group presentation. The project worked on scales, ratios and proportions. Students used their background knowledge to design a model of a tiny house, which included measurements and a budget. The goal was to see if students could apply scale to a real situation. Chairman Kime questioned if they did peer to peer learning in situations where some students got it and some did not. Mr. Szeliga confirmed that they did that all the time. The QPA piece at its foundation is about fostering independence. Another QPA they did this year was having students build a city. The students had been learning how to use protractor, ruler and compass all year. The goal is to have the students be invested in the product quality and have pride in what they are creating. QPA's should foster creativity and provide opportunity for independent tasks. This may require a new grading system that pairs with the education philosophy.

- iii. Vice Chairman Gordon questioned what role parents would play to support this new philosophy. Ms. Casassa responded that they should give honest feedback and not blindly say it's great. Don't give praise unless it's worthy. Assistant Superintendent Cadarette noted that the projects aren't a one and done. The students have the opportunity to build on it. Principal Huston added that the point is to get the kids to think about the process not focus on the end grade.
- iv. Mr. Szeliga noted that they need to explain this philosophy to the parents and they need to encourage their kids to redo things and try again. Parent interaction will happen as changes come. Chairman Kime noted that education and communication to the parents would be critical. Mr. Szeliga agreed and noted that the biggest problem will be changing the grading system.

c. Principal

- i. Principal Huston commented that the new panels done by the artist in residence were installed on the front door.
- ii. Principal Huston noted that the Destination Imagination Team went to the Global Competition in Kansas City and came in 10th for Technical and top 50 overall.
- iii. Principal Huston commented that they have finished assessments and the results would be sent home next week. Dr. Lupini added that Dr. Hobbs would be coordinating a presentation.

d. Board

- i. No report this month.

e. Finance

- i. Dennis Blair from the Budget Committee noted that the Budget Committee will make recommendations, but the School Board can choose to use the surplus if they would like. There are some costly items in the budget like the High School tuition and Special Education. The surplus from those items will be used toward the tax rate. The rest of the funds the Board can use how they want. However, the Budget Committee is recommending not using any of the surplus this year. The estimated surplus is \$6,000.
- ii. Mr. Ferreira noted that they went over budget in the High School Account. Mr. Blair added that they knew there would be a deficit in the High School Account and they discussed if they should pull out of the Tuition Stabilization Fund. Ultimately,

they did not pull out of that fund. Chairman Kime questioned when the best time would be to use that fund given the projected increases they are anticipating for future years. Mr. Ferreira responded that they know this current year budget can absorb the deficit. It would be prudent to use those funds in future years to offset the budget.

- iii. Chairman Kime noted that the School Board was open to working with the Budget Committee. When they see significant increases and they can work together to understand the appropriate time to apply the funds. Mr. Blair confirmed that the School Board was not going to spend the surplus. Chairman Kime confirmed that was correct.

f. Facilities

- i. Mr. Ferreira noted that they have ordered the last section of the slide and it would be installed once it arrives.

g. Board Goals Update

- i. Chairman Kime noted that this agenda item would be moved to the August Meeting.

h. Other

- i. No report this month.

4. Questions and Comments from Those in Attendance

- a. No Questions or comments.

5. Continuing Business

- a. No continuing business.

6. New Business

a. Audit Questionnaire

- i. Policies for Review: BBBF, BBFA, DFA, DGD, DIA, GBEA
- ii. Mr. Ferreira commented that as part of the annual audit each School Board is required to answer the questionnaire. Mr. Ferreira read aloud the questions and the Board answered. Chairman Kime signed off on the questionnaire.

7. Personnel

a. Nomination

- i. Dr. Lupini requested that the Board give them permission to hire people in July and ratify the hirings in August. There is no meeting in July. This permission will allow the Administration to move quickly, and prevent them from losing out on hiring opportunities.
- ii. Chairman Kime moved to allow the administration to hire in July and ratify the hirings in the August meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Gordon. The motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

b. Summer Hiring

c. Administrative Compensation

8. Policy

a. First Read - EBBC, EHB-R, GADA, JLCD, JLCE, JLCK, JLF, KB

- b. Dr. Lupini commented that there were a number of first read recommendations. The NHSPA has done an overhaul of the instruction section so more information is coming. The intent is to wait until all of the information has come in and then it will come to the joint Board meeting in October.

9. Other

- a. No items at this time.

10. Signing of the Manifests

- a. Chairman Kime signed the Manifests.

11. Next Meeting Dates:

- a. *Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – Operations Committee @ 5:30 p.m.*
- b. *Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – Joint Board @ 6:00 p.m.*
- c. *Thursday, August 8, 2019 – School Board @ 4:30 p.m.*

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

- a. Chairman Kime moved to enter Non-Public at 5:49 p.m., seconded by Vice Chairman Gordon. The motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Frey, Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board – August 8, 2019