

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newington Public School.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Dr. Mark Joyce (Chair)
Mr. David Mueller
Mr. Jack O'Reilly

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent
Amy R. Ransom, Assistant Business Administrator
Sarah Reinhardt, Special Education Director
Peter Latchaw, Principal

Additional Staff: Tracy Dumais, Secretary to the Superintendent

Visitor: Beth Brown, NPS Teacher

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications to share with the Board at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the public and non-public minutes of December 12, 2017 were approved, as amended. Vote: 2:0

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the manifest for December 19, 2017 through January 8, 2018 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$295,214.33. Vote: 2:0

Mr. Mueller arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Petralia asked the Board to consider allowing Ms. Ransom to present her report at this time as she is expected to attend the Greenland School Budget Committee Public Hearing scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. this evening. The Board agreed to the request.

NON-PUBLIC

On a motion by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the Board entered non-public session 6:05 p.m. Vote: 3:0

RECONVENE

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board returned to public session at 6:40 p.m. and sealed the non-public minutes, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the Board approved an increase of 5% to the secretary's salary. Vote: 2:1

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the Board amended the prior motion and approved an increase of 8% to the secretary's salary, bringing the hourly total to \$20.50. Vote: 2:1

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board approved the warrant articles for the 2018-2019 proposed operating budget and to appropriate funds to the Special Education Trust Fund, the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund, and the Tuition Trust Fund. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board approved the updated preliminary budget for FY 2019, which totaled \$2,257,248.00. Vote: 3:0

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Petralia thanked the school board members who were in attendance for the SAU 50 Joint School Board Meeting held on December 20th at Rye Junior High School. He also expressed his appreciation for the Board's support and approval of the proposed FY 2019 budget, which included additional support in the area of technology.

Mr. Petralia thanked Mr. Latchaw and the Newington staff for extending an invitation to all central office staff for the Holiday Luncheon held on December 21st at Newington Town Hall. The students performed admirably under the direction of Gene Guth. He noted that it was wonderful to see the turnout from the Newington community who came out to enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Tom and to enjoy the festivities.

The Board was notified that the New Hampshire Department of Education disseminated a Technical Advisory regarding graduation requirements under the ESSA on December 28, 2017.

On January 5, 2018, Mr. Petralia received an update from Caitlin Davis, Division Director at the New Hampshire Department of Education regarding funding for full-day kindergarten in FY 2019. Mr. Petralia provided copies of the update for the Board to review.

Mr. Petralia also informed the Board that Mr. Katkin has been out of the office due to illness, but will provide the Board with the capital plan as requested during the December Board meeting, as soon as it is available.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Killen provided an update on Schoology. She indicated that teachers have been using Schoology during their SAU 50 PLCs sessions for planning and documenting the work that is being done during each session. Training was provided on November 2nd and November 7th. Some teachers have been using the platform on their own with the assistance of the self-help resources. Additional training will

be scheduled for grade book and reporting to those teachers who are interested, which will provide teachers a way to gather data on their own assessments for their class and individual students.

Evaluation and Supervision Feedback

As requested during the December 12th board meeting, the Board reviewed the teacher evaluation and supervision process procedure documents that were provided by Ms. Killen. Dr. Joyce asked Mr. Latchaw if the process was achievable. Mr. Latchaw stated that it was achievable.

Class of 2017 Report

Ms. Killen shared the Newington District High School Report for the class of 2017. Of the four Newington students who graduated, three are attending college and one has entered the work force.

Principal's Report

Mr. Latchaw shared that the 3-4 and 5-6 classrooms are continuing their work on “choice” learning projects. Teachers are working with students independently in ELA following the Daily 5 classroom structure and monitoring student growth using CC Pensive and having student’s document their work using SeeSaw.

The NPS staff members are currently creating a NPS Olympics event as a school wide learning project. A date for event has not been set as of yet.

Teachers and students have continued to implement the use the NPS HOWLS. As a group, the teachers and Mr. Latchaw have started discussions on how these are being assessed in the classroom. The students are becoming more familiar with the NPS HOWLS and teachers are working to personalize the HOWLS for students in their classrooms. Mr. Latchaw praised Beth Brown and Kim Lodge for doing an excellent job with the HOWLS implementation. NPS Parents have also received a “pilot” report of their child’s first trimester report. The HOWL report not only reviewed the purpose of the HOWLS, but also accessed student growth.

Mr. Latchaw informed the Board that he will provide further information on the STAR assessment results at the February board meeting.

Mr. Latchaw reported that the annual Holiday Luncheon was once again a very successful event. For the second year in a row, the luncheon was held at the Newington Town Hall to accommodate the large number for guests (approximately 230 people. Mr. Latchaw expressed his gratitude to Chef Tom, Linda Loewy, David Mueller, Gene Guth, Martha Roy, the Newington Selectmen, and also the Newington School Supporters for all of their hard work and assistance in making the luncheon so successful.

The Newington skating rink is currently open for the season. Mr. Latchaw thanked the parents and Newington community for helping set up the rink. He also thanked the Haberstroh family for donating over a 100 pairs of skates for NPS students and the community and also for organizing the set up and maintenance of the rink.

Beginning on January 30th, the Rock Climbing Club will be attending rock-climbing lessons every Thursday at Indoor Accent in Dover. Mr. Latchaw thanked Erin Russo, school nurse and NPS parent for organizing the club. The Flamenco Dance Club will take place on Monday afternoons by Ms. Berman as an enrichment program to students. Students will showcase their dance skills at the community luncheon in March. The Pennies for Patients school wide drive will be held again this year. NPS students will be collecting loose change to be donated to children who have been

diagnosed with blood cancer. The goal is to raise \$500. Mr. Latchaw will provide an update on the student's progress at the February Board meeting.

Board Members

With regard to building and facilities, Mr. Mueller noted that the school's roof was recently cleared.

The Newington School Supporters are creating a sub-committee to plan for a dinner and auction event to take place in the near future.

Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Mueller reminded the group that Stoneface Brewery will donate 10% of profits to the Newington School Supporters during the month of January.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Review

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JFA - Legal Residency of a Student was approved for adoption. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JJA – Student Activities and Organizations was approved for 2nd reading. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JJG – Contests for Students was rescinded. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics was rescinded. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JKAA - Child Restraint and Seclusion was approved for 2nd reading. Vote: 3:0*

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JKAA-R - Child Restraint and Seclusion form was approved for 2nd reading. Vote: 3:0*

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JLCF - Wellness was approved for 2nd reading. Vote: 3:0*

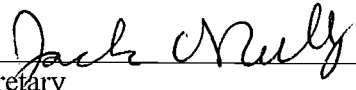
Future Meeting Dates:

- Newington Budget Committee Meeting – January 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Old Newington Town Office
- Newington Budget Committee Public Hearing – February 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Newington Town Office
- Newington School Board Meeting - February 7, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- Secondary Advisory Committee Meeting – March 6, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Portsmouth High School
- Newington School Board Meeting – March 13, 2018 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board adjourned their meeting at 7:04 p.m. Vote: 3:0

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Dumais


Secretary

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