

**NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newington Public School.

**PRESENT:**

School Board Members: David Mueller (Acting Chair)  
Jack O'Reilly

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent  
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent  
Peter Latchaw, Principal

Visitors: Abigail Lundborn, NPS Teacher

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*On a motion by Mr. O' Reilly seconded by Mr. Mueller, the public minutes of September 12, 2017 were approved. Vote: Unanimous*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Petralia informed the Board that Tom Southworth, the SAU 50 High School Liaison has submitted his letter of resignation. Ms. Killen will take over in obtaining similar data from the guidance office at Portsmouth High School.

Mr. Petralia also announced that Briana Spechuilli, who served as minute taker for New Castle and Newington school board meetings, has also offered her letter of resignation. Mr. Petralia's assistant, Tracy Dumais has agreed to take over Ms. Spechuilli's role as minute taker.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the manifest for September 9, 2017 through September 18, 2017 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$4,409.46. Vote: Unanimous*

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the manifest for September 19, 2017 through October 6, 2017 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$88,548.53. Vote: Unanimous*

Mr. Petralia shared the October financial statement, as prepared by Amy R. Ransom, Assistant Business Administrator. It was noted that there were no additional items that needed to be brought to the Board's attention, and that this month's statement and all future statements will now include a column for estimated encumbrances.

**RECOGNITION OF GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL VISITOR:**

Abigail Lundborn, First/Second Grade Teacher at Newington Public School.

## **REPORTS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Petralia thanked the Board for attending and taking part in the SAU 50 Joint Board meeting that was held on September 27, 2017. He also noted that the board voted to approve the dissolution of the Seacoast Community School in Portsmouth with regard to our preschool program.

The AREA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Portsmouth High School. The agenda and minutes from the May 2017 meeting were provided to the Board.

It was noted that the Governor Sununu signed a bill to provide additional state funding for full day kindergarten. Under this new law, the State of New Hampshire will provide an additional \$1,100 per full-day kindergarten student beginning in 2019 and more in later years dependent on how much revenue is generated through the Keno lottery. Mr. Petralia also pointed out that each town is not required to adopt keno in order to receive these funds. Mr. O'Reilly asked how tuition costs would be factored in and Mr. Petralia stated that it does not, it just means that additional funds would be received.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Killen informed the Board that PLC sessions have started and will be running through the first of November. The focus of the sessions include writing performance indicators, sharing instructional strategies and learning units and performance assessments. Teachers have also started training with Schoology, the district's new learning management system.

Ms. Killen also shared the results of the fourth grade NECAP Science assessment and noted that this is the last year for this assessment.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Latchaw updated the Board on the progress of this year's goals and actions. He noted that the teachers are working to create a "choice" learning time into their daily instruction time and have also begun to use the final draft of HOWLS in the K-6 classrooms and are documenting examples of HOWLS on their SEESAW pages. It was also noted that Ms. Lundborn's students have created an "empathy" wall in the classroom and are sharing how they have shown empathy to others and how they have received empathy from others.

Mr. Latchaw informed the Board that he and staff are currently in the process of reviewing new science text books that includes Next Generation of Science Standards course work.

Students will take part in the annual drills and evacuation plan with the NFD and NPD on October 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a complete listing of the drills and procedures in the Google drive folder for the Board to review.

Mr. Latchaw and Ms. Linda Loewy will be attending a second training for the school's new website on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Sticks N Stones program will be working with students during the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an evening performance on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. for NPS families and the Newington Community.

With regard to the school's technology update, Mr. Latchaw indicated that there has been continuing issues with the school-wide printer, which is eight years old, and would like to see if it would be possible to get a WiFi booster from Comcast to increase the frequency.

### **Board Members**

Mr. O'Reilly will be attending the school field trip to Great Bay Discovery Center on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newington School Supporters**

Mr. Mueller stated that the Newington School Supporters will meet on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Budget**

Mr. Latchaw informed the Board that he submitted the budget proposal to the SAU central office on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and will meet with the SAU administration team to finalize the budget soon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Policy Review**

Due to conflicting schedules, the Policy Committee did not meet in September. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Personnel**

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Tom Southworth as the high school liaison for NPS. Vote: Unanimous*

#### **After School Program Liaison/Facilitator**

Mr. Latchaw informed the Board that due to an increase in students attending the after school program this year, he is requesting the Board to consider approving an up to \$1,500 stipend to be paid to one of the NPS' para-educators, in the role of the program's liaison/facilitator. This position would be responsible for building the program's activities throughout the school year, scheduling trips, etc. Mr. Petralia agreed with Mr. Latchaw's request and is working with Ms. Ransom in the Business Office to ensure funding for this position.

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, Seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board approved the stipend to be paid to the After School Program Liaison/Facilitator during the 2017-2018 school year. Vote: Unanimous*

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

Portsmouth School Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Portsmouth Middle School.

Newington School Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.

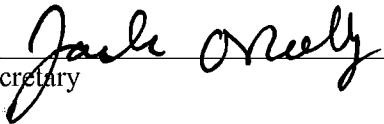
SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Rye Junior High School.

Secondary Advisory Meeting – Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 5 p.m. at Portsmouth High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board adjourned their meeting at 6:34 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Dumais

  
Secretary