

North Hampton School District

School Board Meeting Minutes
North Hampton School – Music Room
201 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton
Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
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School Board members: James Sununu; Chair, Cindy Burke; Vice-Chair; Tamara Le, Thomas von Jess, and Gregg Duffy.

Administration: Dr. Ronna Cadarette; Assistant Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, Dr. Erik Anderson; Principal, and Tracy Griffenhagen; Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services.

Absent: Dr. Robert Sullivan: Superintendent.

At 7:02 p.m., James Sununu called the School Board meeting to **order**.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cindy Burke moved to approve the November 16, Public and Non-Public minutes as amended. Second: Tamara Le. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Amendment – Page 2 6. Continuing Business a. Board Goals. Remove: “Cindy Burke reported that the culture of the school is a priority.”

3. Correspondence/Commendations

Dr. Anderson expressed commendations to the following:

- ✚ Linda Donohoe; Grade 4 Teacher for leading “Project Lead the Way” (PLTW).
- ✚ Rebecca Jones; Grade 8 Science Teacher for bringing a group of eighth grade students to Seacoast Science Center on her day off.
- ✚ Mary Oliver; Music Teacher and students for their Choral Concert presentations.
- ✚ Dan Singer; Music / Band Teacher and students for their Band Concert presentations.
- ✚ Brenda Tharp; Grade 7 Science Teacher for being awarded the Coder Z Inclusiveness Award.
- ✚ Debra Vasconcellos; School Counselor for leading in the SEL Initiative Goal for Kindergarten to Grade 5 Social and Emotional Curriculum.
- ✚ The amazing Eighth Grade Students who participated on the SST Field Trip.

4. Questions / Comments from Those in Attendance – There were no comments.

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5. Education Update

a. School Council

Dr. Anderson informed of topics that were on the agenda:

1. Facebook is being introduced and incorporated with our new web site for increased additional communications with our community. When Facebook is up and running, Dr. Anderson will be posting on Facebook.
2. Dr. Anderson has begun tweeting where parents and community folk can follow on Twitter NH.
3. Star Assessment – The third grade Star Assessment has been postponed. Grades four through eight have successfully completed the assessment. This is a program that is adaptive and well received. As the student is progressing with the assessment, the questions will adapt to become harder or easier depending on how the student is doing.
4. 1-1 Initiative was briefly discussed and that the first two topics took up most of the time.

b. Report Card Update

Dr. Anderson explained the report card developments and the unanticipated delays that occurred. Term Two will end on March 9th, and we are moving towards a more effective and immediate outcome.

c. Jaguar Journal

John Savastano introduced the first production of Jaguar Journal, that was written, performed, and produced by members of the Video Production Club.

On North Hampton School Television, commentators Noah Robie and Catherine Bellusche, reported the current news events happening at North Hampton School.

The Board expressed their excitement for the Jaguar Journal program, and for the making of a great community public relations addition for the school.

The editorial team consists of Winnacunnet High School volunteers Troy, and Luke who assist, and help teach the students about the video projections processes.

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6. Continuing Business

a. Board Goals

Cindy Burke informed that the Website Committee agreed on three vendors who will be putting together bids to be considered during the January 2018 meeting.

During the Communication Committee meeting, the idea of making the North Hampton school entrance more welcoming is being considered.

b. Superintendent's Search – Update

Matt Ferreira informed that the screening committee presented the proposed candidate finalist to the Joint Board. The Joint Board moved forward with the process of a single finalist site visit, background check, and reference check. The Joint Board decided to proceed with Mr. William Lupini.

d. 2018-2019 Warrant Articles

Matt Ferreira informed that the 2018-2019 Warrant Articles have been approved by the Board.

e. Natural Gas Conversion – Award of Bid

Motion: Gregg Duffy moved to accept the bid from Trane for the Natural Gas Conversion.
Second: Thomas von Jess. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7. New Business

a. Acceptance of Gifts

Motion: Thomas von Jess moved to accept a donation of \$605.00 from PAL - People Active in Learning: \$180.00 are donated for the Grade Seven New York City Class Trip, and \$425.00 are donated to the Grade Eight Washington D.C. Class Trip.
Second: Tamara Le. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion: Thomas von Jess moved to accept a donation of \$855.00 from PAL- People Active in Learning: to buy performance tickets for the Grade Eight Class while in Washington, D.C. Second: Tamar Le. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board expressed appreciation to PAL- (People Active in Learning) for their support and generous donations to the Seventh and Eighth Grade classes.

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Thomas von Jess disclosed that his wife Maryann von Jess is a member of PAL, and who signed the checks that were donated by PAL to Grade 7 and Grade 8.

b. Budget Public Hearing Date

The Board agreed to conduct the Budget Public Hearing on January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Written Reports

a. Dr. Cadarette reviewed the Superintendents written report.

c. Administration Report - Dr. Erik Anderson and Tracey Griffenhagen provided and discussed a written report.

d. Financial Report - Matt Ferreira briefly reviewed the FY2017-18 expenditure report and an estimated revenue sheet for the 2018-2019 school year.

e. BUDCOM James Sununu reported that on December 18, the BUDCOM revisited the warrant articles and budget. The BUDCOM did not vote on the budget yet, until the updated budget changes are completed.

The BUDCOM voted against the SESPA CBA Warrant Article.

The Board agreed on the importance of informing the public that our SESPA personnel deserve to get this vote. SESPA personnel are an intricate part of educating our neediest students.

f. Facilities

The Board reviewed the December 2017-Facilities Report written by John Gamache: Facilities Manager.

g. School Nutrition

The Board reviewed a December 2017 written report, excel spreadsheet that was missing from last month, YTD Department Overview 2017/2018 School Year and YTD Department Overview 2013-2014 Year prepared by Paula Fields, Director.

h. Town CIP Committee – Nothing to report.

i. Winnacunnet Update – The Winnacunnet School Board Meeting Principal's Report was provided in the Board's packet for their perusal.

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10. Policy (Out of Order)

a. First Read – Social Media Policy / Procedures

The Board agreed that Social Media Policy / Procedures is more of a procedure, and that the Board will read, and provide Cindy Burke with their thoughts. Another idea was to call the NHSBA for information.

9. Personnel – Deferred to non-public session.

a. Retirement(s)

The Board agreed that c. 2018-2019 Budget Review is related to a. Retirements.

6. Continuing Business (Continued)

c. 2018-2019 Budget Review (Out of Order)

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

12. Next Meeting Date - Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Motion: Cindy Burke motioned to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) at 8:25 p.m. Second: Tamara Le. Roll call vote: James Sununu says yes, Cindy Burke says yes, Thomas von Jess says yes, Gregg Duffy says yes, and Tamara Le. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary (Approved January 18, 2018)