

**NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, January 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newington Public School.

**PRESENT:**

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

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent  
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent  
Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator  
Peter Latchaw, Principal

Visitors: Beth Brown, NPS Teacher

**CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the public minutes of December 10, 2019 and December 18, 2019 were approved. Vote: 2-0-1 absent*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Petralia informed the Board he had received a letter from Governor Sununu regarding Medicaid to Schools Program.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the manifest revision dated October 5, 2019 through November 12, 2019 in the amount of \$118136.45 was approved. Vote: 2-0-1 absent*

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the manifest revision dated December 20, 2019 through December 30, 2019 in the amount of \$283,133.72 was approved. Vote: 2-0-1 absent*

The FY 2020 fund balance as of today was reported at \$86,219.15

**RECOGNITION OF GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL VISITORS**

Dr. Joyce welcomed Ms. Beth Brown, NPS Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher, to the meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Petralia thanked the Board members for attending the SAU Joint Board meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> and for supporting the SAU 50 Budget for 2020-2021.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

Ms. Killen shared the Portsmouth Freshman Quarter 1 Grade Reports. Dr. Joyce asked for clarification on the Academic Failure grade and the circumstances that would lead to such a grade.

Ms. Killen also shared comparison data between Newington and other school districts on the state assessment results from 2019. Dr. Joyce asked how this information is shared with staff. Mr. Latchaw stated that he goes through the data and gives staff relevant information. Ms. Killen explained the comparison data was new last year from the state and so it has not been shared with staff until administration have a chance to have a better understanding of the data before sharing with staff.

Ms. Killen shared the information from her visit to Portsmouth High School in December. She observed in the freshman core classes and was impressed with the projects that students were doing. There was a high level of student interest and engagement in topics of their choice.

### **Principal's Report**

During the February meeting, the non-resident tuition rate for next year needs to be set. Mr. Latchaw presented the Board with the calculated rate and rates from surrounding private schools. The SAU personnel will be reviewing the application at their next meeting to make any revisions and will bring the final draft to the board meeting in February.

Dr. Joyce asked about the enrollment increase to 60 students for next year and if that number included students paying tuition. Mr. Latchaw replied that it does include the current tuition students but not any new tuition students.

Dr. Joyce cautioned that there is a need to be mindful of the enrollment as the capacity of the school is 65. How do we keep a buffer and spaces for any new students to Newington that could move in? There are still developments being considered for the town.

The final inspection for the fire panel was completed today.

### **Board Reports**

Policy Committee: Meeting on Thursday to review policies from the state.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Draft Warrant Articles**

It was decided that Article 1 will include the Proposed Operating Budget for 2020-2021; Article 2 will apply to the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund.

No warrant article is needed to retain the 25%.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Academic Calendar 2020-2021**

Dr. Joyce asked when Portsmouth School District has its calendar ready for the following year. Mr. Petralia stated the process looked at the previous calendar to provide this draft of the school calendar. Mr. O'Reilly asked if the state was still trying to have a start date after Labor Day. Mr. Petralia stated the state has not mentioned that since last year.

Mr. Latchaw would recommend doing the Blizzard Bag again for next year.

One suggestion was to start students on August 31 instead of Sept. 1. During the February meeting, the Board would like to see a final draft. The draft has been reviewed by the staff and Mr. Latchaw will give their suggestions to Mr. Petralia.

**Change of School Board Meeting**

Motion to move February board meeting from Feb. 11 to Feb. 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, to move the February board meeting from February 11 to February 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm were approved: Vote: 2-0-1 absent*

**Other**

Mr. O'Reilly will not be running again for board member position. He has said he has enjoyed the time he has served as part of the Newington School Board.

**PERSONNEL-** None

**NON PUBLIC SESSION -** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the Board adjourned their meeting at 5:32 p.m. Vote: 2-0-1 absent*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelli Killen  
Assistant Superintendent

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Chris Russo, School Board Secretary

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Date