

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newington Public School.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Mr. Jack O'Reilly
Mr. Chris Russo

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent
Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator
Brian Grattan, Director of Technology
Peter Latchaw, Principal

Other Staff Present: Samantha Fuller, Secretary to the Superintendent

Visitors: Beth Brown, NPS Teacher
Samara Robertson
Jacklyn Garbino

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the public minutes of January 7, 2020 were deferred until the March School Board meeting. Vote: 2-0-1

COMMUNICATIONS - None

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the manifest for December 31, 2019 through January 13, 2020 was approved in the amount of \$50,229.62. Vote: 2-0-1

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the manifest for January 14, through January 30, 2020 was approved in the amount of \$134,745.81. Vote: 2-0-1

Ms. Ryan noted the Fund balance stands at \$73,566. There are no overages in the current budget.

RECOGNITION OF GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL VISITORS

Mr. O'Reilly welcomed to the meeting Ms. Beth Brown, NPS Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher; and community members Sarah Robertson and Jacklyn Garbino.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Petralia noted the New Hampshire School Board Association Delegate Assembly was held on Saturday, January 25th in Concord, NH. Several resolutions were voted on at that meeting.

Mr. Petralia asked the Board to approve the draft academic calendar for 2020-2021 under Unfinished Business. The Association of Coastal Teachers, Administrative Staff and School Board members have already reviewed the calendar.

Mr. Petralia reminded the board of upcoming meeting dates.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Killen informed the Board the upcoming February 23rd early release day would include teachers meeting in their SAU wide PLC grade levels to continue working on their goal for the year.

Ms. Killen will discuss revised substitute pay rates under New Business.

Principal's Report

Mr. Latchaw provide the Board with an update on the STAR Assessment results. He reiterated that all NPS students will reach high standards at a minimum of one grade level of growth over the 2019-2020 school year, based on the STAR assessment of September-June.

Mr. Latchaw shared that Mr. Tooker, teacher grade 5-6, recently entered students in a national NPR Radio contest. Three students were selected by NPR to read their Super-bowl haiku on air.

Mr. Latchaw also shared a recent student podcast that was focused on the American Revolution. The podcast highlighted the students' abilities as a speaker, researcher and writer.

Mr. Latchaw updated the Board on current maintenance issues. He noted that he has spent a great deal of time dealing with Impact Fire on the fire panel issues. He has a meeting scheduled with the Regional Supervisor of Impact Fire. He has been assured that the company hopes to reestablish a more proactive relationship with NPS. Even though the current fire panel issue does not fall under the warrantee, Impact will honor the work done as warrantied.

Mr. Latchaw shared the Roller Skating Club had finished its four week period. Twenty-two students participated in the program, traveling to Skate Land in Haverhill, MA.

Mr. Latchaw noted several upcoming programs that will take place including flamenco dance enrichment, Destination Imagination team, and a robotics club.

Mr. Latchaw noted planning for March Maker Madness was underway and a member of the Newington Police Department had already volunteered to facilitate a forensics class as part of the event.

Board Reports

Policy – The Policy Binder is currently under review by attorney William Phillips of the NHSBA. The Board was provided recent required policies (that were part of the December NHSBA policy update) for review and to be voted on at the March meeting.

Technology – Mr. Grattan informed the Board a technology meeting is scheduled for the first week in March.

Newington School Supporters – Mr. Latchaw is working on an event with Cornerstone to occur in late spring. The Annual Bowling night will take place in March. Mr. Latchaw thanked NSS for their help with funding the Roller-skating Club and Robotics Club.

Mr. Petralia excused himself in order to get to a Board meeting and the Deliberative Session in Rye, NH.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Academic Calendar - Ms. Killen noted the revised dates on the draft calendar. First day of school for students will occur Monday, August 31st ; December 23rd will be a full day off ; the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 16th.

Ms. Brown stated she had questions on behalf of the ACT, however the revised calendar as written has eliminated the questions.

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the academic calendar for 2020-2021 was approved. Vote: 2-0-1

Tuition Rates

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly the student tuition rates for 2020-2021 were approved. Vote: 2-0-1

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute Pay Rate

Ms. Killen asked the Board to approve the revised substitute pay rates. She reiterated the revision in terms is in part due to a substitute shortage that exists not only across the SAU 50, but across the entire State. She also noted that several previous protocols were causing inequity for long-term substitutes. The revisions provide an opportunity to correct discrepancies. A letter will be distributed to all included on the current SAU 50 substitute list informing them of the changes in pay rate.

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly the Board approved the revised Substitute Pay Rates. Vote: 2-0-1

PERSONNEL- None

NON PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board adjourned their meeting at 5:43 p.m. Vote: 2-0-1

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Fuller
Secretary to the Superintendent



Chris Russo, School Board Secretary

3/10/20

Date