

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newington Public School.

PRESENT:

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

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

Other Staff Present: Samantha Fuller, Secretary to the Superintendent

Visitors: Jane Lannon, Daphne Schwab

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Joyce welcomed Ms. Lannon and Ms. Schwab. School Board members introduced themselves. Ms. Schwab indicated she and Ms. Lannon were there to observe the dynamic of the Newington Board meeting in order to better facilitate the New Castle School Board meetings.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the public minutes of April 9, 2019 were approved. Vote: 3-0

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Petralia presented two communications; the donation to PHS Celebration Graduation and the Compliance Status Report from Bureau of Special Education.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the manifest for April 9, 2019, through April 16, 2019 was approved in the amount of \$9,169.07. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the manifest dated April 17, 2019 through May 8, 2019, in the amount of \$102,131.47 was approved. Vote 3:0

Mr. Petralia reported an estimated \$133,120 currently in the General Fund which is approximately 6.1% of the overall 2018-2019 operating budget.

Dr. Joyce asked that an updated fund balance be presented at the June meeting and stated that the funds would be used as voted upon at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Joyce requested that Mr. Latchaw share with the Board any outstanding issues in advance of the June meeting.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Petralia highlighted several elements in his report. He acknowledged the fine work of Mr. Latchaw for his prompt notification and handling of the sewer problem which occurred late Friday afternoon on May 3rd and into the weekend. Mr. Petralia appreciated Mr. Latchaw's diligence in contacting the appropriate individuals at the Newington Town Hall and following through with a recommended vendor.

Mr. Latchaw stated that on Monday morning the school was able to open on time and state testing was able to continue as scheduled.

Dr. Joyce noted that a similar issue had occurred approximately twenty-five years ago. He asked that Peter extend to staff and students the Board's appreciation of their ability to adapt to the special circumstances that occurred.

Mr. Latchaw reiterated that the solution to the sewer issue was a community effort. He thanked the vendor for their very competitive pricing and the workers for the respectful fashion in which they worked while school was in session.

Mr. Petralia updated the Board on Ms. Ransom's resignation effective June 30, 2019. He stated that a Business Administrator search time line had been created and the job posting was uploaded to Schoolspring on April 27th with a deadline for applicants of May 17th.

Mr. Petralia discussed briefly the middle school agreement with Portsmouth. He reiterated to the Board that the current ten-year agreement is due to expire at the end of June 2019. He provided a sample of the draft tuition agreement that New Castle has created. The topic will be discussed further in non-public session.

Mr. Petralia provided the Board with several legislative updates in regard to the following; HB 263, SB 100, SB 140, and SB 148.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Killen had no formal report.

Ms. Killen asked that the Board approve the Guidance Curriculum under New Business.

Principal's Report

Mr. Latchaw highlighted several areas of his report. He noted that the students in Grades 3 and 4 are currently completing their project based learning, service learning projects such as a flower bed for pollinators, wetland area salamander habitat and milkweed sanctuary. He commended

one student who raised money to purchase stuffed animals to donate to the Fire Department. The Fire Department will then hand out the stuffed animals to young children in need.

Mr. Latchaw shared that staff members are currently preparing for the end-of-the year student lead conferences. These will take place the last week of May. Floating guests teacher will allow staff the flexibility to have conferences throughout the day.

Mr. Latchaw stated there are currently two open personnel positions; BCBA and PE/Health teacher. He is currently working with SAU 50 Special Education Director, Sarah Reinhardt to fill the BCBA position with a private contractor. Mr. Latchaw is in the process of reviewing applications received for PE/Health teacher.

Mr. Latchaw noted that he is currently completing staff evaluations.

Mr. Latchaw gave an update on expected enrollment numbers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Latchaw thanked Middleton Lumber of Dover, NH for the discounted price the school was given on materials used to construct the new Gaga Pit. He also thanked the NSS for their generous support. Dr. Joyce asked the administration to prepare a correspondence to Middleton Lumber on the Board's behalf. Mr. Petralia agreed to prepare a letter.

Mr. Latchaw stated the school recently conducted a fire drill with students. He noted that the alarm speaker located on the outside of the building was not working and needed to be fixed.

Mr. Latchaw invited Board members to an upcoming fundraiser that would be held at a NPS family's home.

Mr. O'Reilly suggested that Mr. Latchaw look into contacting a business named Fabulous Finds in Kittery ME who participates in non-profit fundraising initiatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee Assignments

Board members chose to each remain in their current committee assignments going forward for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Mr. O'Reilly shared that the Town of Newington was looking into incorporating more solar applications in town buildings. He asked if the school would be interested in being part of the review/estimate process. All were in agreement; therefore Mr. O'Reilly will contact the Town's Building Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Adoption

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Guidance curriculum was approved. Vote 3-0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board voted to approve a donation to PHS Celebration Graduation in the amount of \$250. Vote 3-0

POLICY

For 1st reading: DAF – Administration of Federal Grant Funds

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, policy DAF was accepted for 1st reading. Vote 3-0

For 2nd read: GBCDA – Background Investigation For Volunteers and Temporary or Contracted Service Providers, IHBDA – Evaluation Requirements for Children with Developmental Delay, JFAB – Admission of Non-Resident Pupils

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, policies GBCDA, IHBDA and JFAB were accepted for 2nd read. Vote 3-0

NON PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the board voted to enter into non-public session at 5:31 p.m. per RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Roll Call: 3-0

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board voted to come out of non-public session and seal the non-public minutes at 5:55 p.m. Roll Call: 3-0

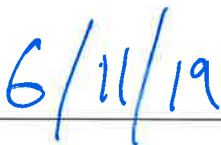
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board adjourned their meeting at 5:56 p.m. Vote: 3:0

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Fuller
Secretary to the Superintendent



Chris Russo, School Board Secretary



Date