

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Thursday, February 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newington Public School.

PRESENT:

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

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent
James Katkin, Business Administrator
Peter Latchaw, Principal

Additional Staff: Tracy Dumais, Secretary to the Superintendent

Visitors: None

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 and non-public minutes of January 9, 2018 were approved. Vote: 2:0

COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications to share with the Board at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the manifest for January 9, 2018 through January 31, 2018 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$91,618.67. Vote: 2:0

FY 2019 Warrant Articles

After review and a brief discussion, the Board signed the 2019 warrant articles.

FY 2019 Voting Warrant

After review and a brief discussion, the Board signed the 2019 voting warrant.

REPORTS

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Katkin presented the Board with a summary of items to be included in the Newington Public School capital improvement plan. He noted that a section of the school's driveway needs to be re-paved, a few items in the kitchen need to be replaced, the alarm system should be updated, and the protective sealant on the exterior of the building should also be replaced. It was noted that the expansion tank must be continuously drained or else it may rust. The building's air conditioners

should be replaced in about 10-12 years and the building may need to be re-roofed in about 25-30 years.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Petralia thanked the school board members for rescheduling the meeting to Thursday, February 9th due to the winter storm on Wednesday, February 8th.

Mr. Petralia reminded the Board that they will need to entertain a motion to approve the new budget figure for the FY 2019 budget, which was presented to the Newington Budget Committee last week.

Mr. Petralia briefly discussed the newly formed SAU 50 Area Agreement/Robert J. Lister Academy sub-committee. The Committee will be included as an agenda item for the March 6th Secondary Advisory meeting.

Legislative hearings continue before House Finance - Division II on SB 193. An article published on January 31, 2018 in the *Concord Monitor* reported that the state's non-partisan Legislative Budget Assistant issued an analysis estimating that SB 193 would cost the state \$36 million over twelve years. Mr. Petralia provided a copy of an article regarding this bill.

Peter Latchaw will provide the Board an update on the grant applications submitted to the State of New Hampshire regarding the Public School Infrastructure Fund. During a recent NHSSA meeting, Mr. Petralia was informed that the State Committee has 65% (about 13 million) already earmarked to districts who have applied. Mr. O'Reilly asked if a board vote was required to utilize the funds if NPS was approved. Mr. Petralia noted that the Board already voted to match the state's portion (80/20) at a prior school board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Killen informed the Board that the revisions to the evaluation and supervision section of the Plan for Effective Teaching has been completed. The members of the Professional Learning Advisory Committee are currently gathering feedback for the Professional Development section of the plan. The full Professional Development day scheduled for March 16th will be a school-based day and principals are currently working with Ms. Killen to prepare and plan the schedule for the day.

Ms. Killen has also been meeting monthly with George Shea, assistant superintendent at SAU 52. Topics discussed during the meetings include both districts participating in competency design training during the summer, discussions on science including the new state assessment and the instruction of science in each SAU.

Ms. Killen also noted that the administration will be recommending an increase in pay for nurse substitutes during the March 28th SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting. This recommendation comes after a recent PLC with the district nurses in which the nurses suggested the increase in order to attract and retain highly qualified nurse substitutes.

Principal's Report

Mr. Latchaw announced that Cheryl Berman was selected to be a marquis presenter at the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) conference at the University of Spain in June.

The NPS staff is currently creating a NPS Olympics event as a school-wide learning project. Students will be studying countries, Olympic rules and events and will participate in five events – bobsledding, skating, hockey, slopestyle and snow/ice sculptures. The opening ceremony will be held on February 16th and the events will begin on the 19th through the 23rd. The Newington Public Library will also participate on February 23rd. Both students and staff are very excited about this upcoming event.

Mr. Latchaw is currently working on a letter to share about the NPS HOWLs, which he hopes to share with parents at the March Newington School Supporters monthly meeting, along with a copy of the HOWLs rubric.

Beginning the week of February 12th, students in Ms. Lodge's and Mr. Tooker's classroom will be spending time each week working on the TIDE assessment platform. Students will be taking practice tests, progress monitoring assessments, and specific skills assessments. The purpose of these lessons is to provide students the opportunity to become familiar with the testing platform and also for classroom teachers to monitor class and individual student growth.

On January 30th, the 5th grade class organized a bake sale to benefit the SPCA. The bake sale was a part of the student's 4T project and they raised approximately \$130.00. NPS students also collected loose change to be donated to children that have blood cancer (Pennies for Patients). The goal was to raise \$500.00 as a school and the students raised \$596.25. Because NPS reached their goal, they Duct taped Mr. Latchaw to the wall on February 8th to celebrate their accomplishment. Mr. Latchaw shared a video of the students taping him to the wall.

Mr. Latchaw congratulated 6th grade student Kalya Severius for winning the annual Newington Public School Spelling Bee and runner-up Josie Richardson. Kayla also finish first in the Geo-Bee and Morgan Cole was the runner up. Kayla will be moving on to compete at the state level in both competitions.

Mr. Latchaw provided an update on the Public School Infrastructure Fund Grant. NPS' Improving Security grant application was submitted to the State on January 29th. In the application, \$64,550 was requested to be used for the purchase and installation of a new camera system, an alarm system to lock down the building, and safety film for the building's windows and doors. Mr. O'Reilly thanked Mr. Latchaw for his work on the grant.

Board Members

Building and Facilities Update

Mr. Latchaw reported that he has been monitoring a water leak. An increase in the school's water bill for the month of January alerted him to the leak. The City of Portsmouth was contacted and confirmed the leak. Hart Plumbing has visited the school and assessed the situation.

Mr. Mueller informed the Board that the Newington School Supporters fundraiser through Stoneface Brewery raised over \$300 for the school. Mr. Latchaw announced that there is a cosmic bowling fundraiser on February 18th and all are welcome to participate. It was noted that approximately 20% of the money raised comes back to the school.

Policy Review

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JJA – Student Activities and Organizations was approved for 2nd Reading. Vote: 2:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JKAA - Child Restraint and Seclusion was approved for adoption. Vote: 2:0*

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JKAA-R - Child Restraint and Seclusion form was approved for Adoption. Vote: 2:0*

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, policy JLCF - Wellness was approved for Adoption. Vote: 2:0*

NEW BUSINESS

Newington Family Scholarship

Mr. Mueller stated that the Newington Family Scholarship program, which is overseen by the Board and administered by the Newington Board of Trustees, is not being properly administered by the Trustees. Mr. Mueller stressed the importance of the process and the rules need to be adhered to. He noted that a student who was awarded the scholarship last year didn't receive his scholarship check in time and had to pay out of pocket. Mr. Mueller requests assistance from the SAU administrators to ensure that the program rules are being followed. Mr. Petralia stated that he will look into this matter further on behalf of the school board.

FY 2019 Newington School Board Budget

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board approved the proposed FY 2019 Newington School District budget, in the amount of \$2,249,905. Vote: 2:0

2018-2019 Academic Calendar

A draft of the 2018-2019 academic calendar was shared with the Board. The draft calendar from Portsmouth School District was also shared. Mr. Petralia hopes to have the calendar approved at the March school board meeting. Mr. Latchaw requested two floating days during the summer to work on project-based learning. The Board was asked to contact Mr. Latchaw or Mr. Petralia should they have any questions or suggestions.

Policy BCB Discussion

Mr. Mueller requested a discussion on the district's BCB policy regarding *School Board Member Conflict of Interest*. It was indicated that the spouse of a current NPS staff member was considering to run for a seat on the school board. After a brief discussion, it was noted that if a current teacher or staff member's spouse was to be elected to the school board, he/she would be required to refrain from voting and/or discussing any matter involving his/her spouse.

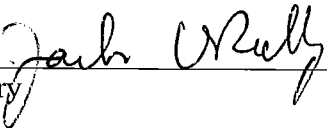
Future Meeting Dates:

- Secondary Advisory Committee Meeting – March 6, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Portsmouth High School
- Newington School Board Meeting – March 13, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Newington Public School
- Newington Annual District Meeting – March 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Newington Town Office
- SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting – March 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Greenland Central School

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Mueller, the Board adjourned their meeting at 6:57 p.m. Vote: 2:0

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Dumais


Secretary