

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Administrative Unit 50
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The regular monthly meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, April 9, 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: None

Visitors: None

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Joyce, the public minutes of March 12, 2019 were approved. Vote: 2:0:1

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the non-public minutes of March 16, 2019 were approved. Vote 3:0

COMMUNICATIONS – None

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the manifest for March 9, 2019, through March 22, 2019 was approved in the amount of \$67,159.31. Vote: 3:0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the manifest dated March 23, 2019 through April 8, 2019, in the amount of \$47,878.85 was approved. Vote 3:0

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Petralia highlighted several elements of his report. Recently, he attended the March Maker Madness Showcase and felt students did a splendid job presenting their projects. Staff did an exceptional job preparing the students.

Mr. Petralia stated the SAU 50 Joint Board had unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Brian Grattan as Director of Technology. He informed the Board that Mr. Grattan had signed his employment contract which will take effect July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Mr. Petralia mentioned that on Tuesday, April 2nd, approximately thirty parents from across SAU 50 attended the Parent University Workshop "In Their Shoes," which was sponsored by various PTO's in the SAU. Representatives from Northeast Passage facilitated an interactive workshop for the parents who attended.

Mr. Petralia reminded Board members, the current tuition agreement between Newington and Portsmouth is set to expire on June 30, 2019. Included in packets was a copy of the current ten-year agreement executed by the parties back in 2009. The current agreement will likely need to be reviewed by legal counsel similar to what was done with New Castle's agreement.

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board gave approval to have legal counsel, Eric Herlan, review the Newington Tuition Agreement with Portsmouth School District so the Board may then review the draft by the next meeting in May. Vote 3-0

Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Killen asked board members to review the Guidance Curriculum for adoption at May's meeting.

Ms. Killen gave a report comparing grades from quarter 1 and quarter 2 for the freshmen at Portsmouth High School. There was little change between the grades of the two quarters.

Ms. Killen also reviewed the report from her visits to the Portsmouth High School freshmen classes from February 2019. She noted that students were more able to tell her what they were learning and able to explain the work they were doing. She also noted that there were more attributes of student engagement in terms of personal responses, student choice, and authenticity of the learning. More technology was being used by students in part due to the 1-to-1 Chromebook program for freshmen.

Ms. Killen also shared the parent letter and opt-out form on the NH State Assessments that will be going home to parents.

Principal's Report

Mr. Latchaw highlighted several areas of his report. He referenced a recent professional development day in which NPS teachers went to New Castle to continue the Project Based Learning work with local PBL expert Brad Belin. Teachers also attended the special education conference that focused on Trauma Sensitive Schools. At the last staff meeting, the guidance counselor did work with the staff on having gender sensitive classrooms and school. Ms. Lodge's class is finishing up the conservation projects and will begin to see the work of the students in the community.

Mr. Latchaw commended the Destination Imagination team on the great job they did at the competition.

Mr. Latchaw went over the proposed grade configurations for next year and the reasons for the changes and how those would be communicated to parents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Adoption

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

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the Pre-K to Grade 5 Social Studies curriculum was approved. Vote 3-0

Math Program Adoption

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the math program: Eureka was approved. Vote 3-0

Project Based Learning Conference

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the project-based learning conference attendance by the Newington staff was approved with it being financed by federal grant money from Title IV and or Title IIA. Vote 3-0

POLICY

To rescind: KFC-Bomb Threats and KFD-Intruders in Schools

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, policy KFC and KFD were rescinded. Vote 3-0

For 1st reading: IHBDA-evaluation requirements for children with developmental delay
GBCDA-background investigation for volunteers and temporary or contracted services
JFAB-Non-resident Tuition Policies

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, policies IHBDA, GBCDA, AND JFAB were accepted for 1st reading. Vote 3-0

For 2nd read: JBAB-Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Policy, KFB-Weapons Free School Zone

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, policies JBAB AND KFB were accepted for 2nd read. Vote 3-0

PERSONNEL

Fred Bowden, current Physical Education teacher, submitted a letter of resignation effective at the end of the year.

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the resignation of Mr. Bowden, Physical Education Teacher was accepted with regret. Vote 3-0

NON PUBLIC - None

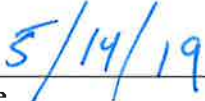
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board adjourned their meeting at 5:47 p.m. Roll Call: 3:0

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelli Killen
Assistant Superintendent
April 10, 2019



Chris Russo, School Board Secretary



Date