

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

EPPING SCHOOL BOARD

January 16, 2020 - Town Hall

School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair David Mylott called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Chair Deborah Brooks, Vice Chair David Mylott, Member Ben Leavitt, Member Heather Clark, Member Nicole Carleton, Superintendent Valerie McKenney, Business Administrator Bonnie Sandstrom, and Student Faith Williamson. Student Taya Morgado was absent.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

a. Coby Troidl and EMS Students

The EMS Youth 2 Youth (Granite Youth Alliance) students presented their current project – an anti-bullying program. Their focus this year is to address and reduce bullying within their school. They discussed anti-bullying topics. Additionally, they played a video that the students created. The video included different scenarios of bullying, rude versus mean comments, and conflict. Middle school students watched the video during class, and it generated a conversation about bullying. The students also discussed their next steps with the project. Ben asked if they've noticed a difference around the school since the video has been shown. The kids said that other students have reached out to them and asked questions.

Since November, Dr. William Preble has started coming every first Thursday of each month. He works with volunteer parents and selected students. They analyze data and prioritize. In February, there will be a parent night in order for other parents and students to learn more.

b. Senior Class Trip Approval - Julie Morin/Faith Williamson

The senior class trip is scheduled for June 7th and 8th. It will be at Crab Apple Whitewater Inc. The students have the option of paintball, white water rafting, or simply spending time with their

classmates. Whitewater rafting will happen on Monday. There will be a safety presentation before it. There will also be a big lunch provided for all of the students. It

The cost is \$175 per student or \$125 if they don't go whitewater rafting. There are about 50 students in the senior class, and roughly 35 students plan on going on the senior trip. Depending on how many students actually end up going, there will be about five to six parents chaperoning. David asked if there was a scholarship available in case a student can't afford it. Faith wasn't sure.

Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the senior class trip proposal. Seconded by Member Nicole Carleton. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

Superintendent McKenney recognized Hannah Millon-Garvey as Teacher of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

POLICY

a. Policy GBEF-R Acceptable Use Procedures - Staff/ First Read

This was moved for a second/third read at the next meeting.

b. Policy JBAB Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students/ First Read

This was a matter of wording, so that it was in compliance with NHIAA and NHSBA.

Member Heather Clark made a motion to table Policy JBAB Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students until there is a resolution at the state level for further discussion at the next meeting. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

PERSONNEL

a. None

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

a. Student Reports

Staff from SST visited the sophomores, and EHS students will have the opportunity to visit SST on 1/28. There is a “Wall of Fame” for the seniors. The unified basketball team recently beat Winnacunnet. The end of the semester at the high school is January 31. The Penguin Plunge is coming up and around 20 to 25 students are participating.

b. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Valerie reminded parents about the opportunity to sign up for text messages. Anyone who is interested can text Y or Yes to 67587. It won’t start for a couple weeks. Additionally, the sign-up period for texts doesn’t end.

She is working on the late bus situation.

Fremont visited on January 15, 2020. The Fremont Board are meeting with six other districts as well. Valerie reached out to an attorney, and there is no further action needed unless they’re selected to receive students in the future.

Superintendent McKenney mentioned the District Communications Team. They have a survey going out on February 4th, and they’re hoping that 300 people will respond.

She discussed upcoming events and upcoming days off.

She briefly discussed the state building update as of January 2020.

c. Committee Reports

Heather discussed the warrant articles that were presented to the budget committee. There was a Public Hearing last night. The Board’s Deliberative Session will be on February 6th and then there will be a voting day on March 11, 2020.

Heather also discussed the middle school PTO. They are having an activity night on Friday February 7th. They will be collecting clothing to donate to Savers. The middle school basketball has a tournament coming up. It will be held in the high school gym. The EMS PTO will be running a concession stand.

David discussed the Technology Committee. A policy was sent over to them, and they will be meeting next Tuesday to review it. Following that, they'll discuss it with the Superintendent and the Director of Technology.

Deborah said the Superintendent search has been extremely time consuming for the volunteers.

Ben mentioned a fundraiser happening this Monday at the Community Oven in Epping between 5 to 9 pm. There will also be a raffle. He elaborated on the meet and greet with the potential superintendents. He said there should be a short survey for the public to fill out after the meeting. Additionally, he said that it will be filmed and will be on ETV soon after.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS & DISTRICT SERVICES

a. Financial Update

There is a positive balance of \$133,878. The revenue is also positive at \$121,452. They are currently working on an RFQ for the boilers. Heather asked how the new accounting system is working, and Bonnie said it was slightly challenging at first, but they're getting into the groove of things.

b. Donation to EES

Walmart generously donated \$2,000 to EES.

Policy KCD states that Valerie just needs to notify the Board of the donation, and it requires no further action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public Minutes for January 2, 2020

Member Nicole Carleton made a motion to accept the public minutes from January 2, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

b. Non-public Minutes for January 2, 2020

Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the non-public minutes from January 2, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

c. Public Minutes for January 8, 2020

Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the public minutes from January 8, 2020. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 4-0-1. Motion carries. Member Nicole Carleton abstained.

MANIFEST

a. Accounts Payable

Member Heather Clark made a motion to approve accounts payable manifest #14 dated 1/9/2020 in the amount of \$233,851.27. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

Member Ben Leavitt made a motion to approve accounts payable manifest #15 dated 1/16/2020 in the amount of \$441,088.75. Seconded by Member Heather Clark. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

b. Payroll

Member Heather Clark made a motion to approve payroll manifest #14 dated 1/10/2020 in the amount of \$317,693.18. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

COMMENTS/OTHER

Deborah and Ben thanked the public for their commitment along with their time and effort regarding the superintendent search.

Heather discussed the boilers and said that they were brought up at the budget committee meeting. The warrant article was withdrawn, and they're working on an RFQ instead. There was push back against the boilers and warrant article because the committee didn't think that enough vendors were evaluated.

NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

- a. January 30, 2020 - Candidate Interviews
- b. February 6, 2020 - Deliberative Session
- c. February 20, 2020 - Regular School Board Meeting

NONPUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II*

(*a. personnel, b. hiring, c. adverse reputation, d. property, e. legal, g. security functions,
i. emergency functions)

ADJOURNMENT

**Vice Chair David Mylott made a motion to go into a Non-public session at 8:24 pm.
Seconded by Member Heather Clark. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

Minutes submitted by,

Dagny Wilkins

School Board Secretary