

## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**December 17, 2020**

**EPPING SCHOOL BOARD - LIVE/Epping TV Channel 22/Zoom**

**Epping Town Office**

**School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Deborah Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Chair Deborah Brooks, Vice Chair David Mylott, Member Heather Clark, Member Ben Leavitt, Member Robin O'Day, Superintendent Furbush, Business Administrator Bonnie Sandstrom, Student Taya Morgado, and Student Emily Kelly.

### **SCHEDULED GUESTS**

#### **a. Facilities Update - Joe Parzych**

Joe discussed the recent employee training that has occurred. He wants to ensure that the cleaning procedures are being handled safely. He also mentioned the newly renovated elementary school stairs. They updated them in order to make them safer. He also discussed the high school bathroom faucets. They upgraded and improved the appearance of them.

#### **b. Elementary School Roof Project Update - Joe Parzych**

In terms of the Elementary School Roof Project, they hired a roofing consultant. The consultant noticed some drainage issues that will need to be taken care of. The consultant will put together an RFP. They'll also do a handful of things to ease the process, and they'll make sure that the necessary standards are met. He shared some pictures that showed the different issues that they will have to address. Joe reached out to four different consulting companies. He received two

quotes back. He prefers Armed Consultants. Superintendent Furbush thinks Joe's process is great and commended him for his efforts. He shortly discussed the project and the process. Parent Amy Hodgkin brought up the structural concerns that the roof has had in the past to make sure that everyone is aware. Bonnie said that they have the money in the budget to do the project this year. Joe said that the roof will most likely cost somewhere between \$400,000 and \$420,000. He believes that they will receive lots of bids for the project.

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the proposal with Armed Consultants for \$23,427.20 and allow Joe Parzych to move forward with the project immediately. Seconded by Vice Chair David Mylott. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

Superintendent Furbush said kind words about Joe's leadership and great work.

## **POLICY**

a. EIB - Liability Insurance Pooled Risk Management (New Policy) - First Read

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

## **PERSONNEL**

a. Leave of Absence Request - Jacqui Silvani

Jacqui Silvani is requesting that her leave of absence is extended until the end of this school year. She will return in the fall. This leave will be without pay or benefits.

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to grant the extension of Jacqui Silvani's leave of absence which will be unpaid with no benefits until the end of this school year. Seconded by Vice Chair David Mylott. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

b. Resignation - Renee Bergeron

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the resignation of Renee Bergeron. Seconded by Vice Chair David Mylott. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

This position will not need to be filled at this time.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

### a. Student Reports

The girls discussed what the different classes are working on. They said that the first two remote Fridays went really well. They also mentioned that the schedule works well for SST students as well. Taya mentioned the NHS Community Outreach Project. The Scholastic Arts submissions were due yesterday. Basketball tryouts have started.

### b. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Furbush said that there are virtual clubs going on at the elementary school. He also mentioned the elementary school staff's virtual painting party that they recently had. He discussed what Krista Gullick's has been working on such as the priority concepts in math and the professional development master plan. He talked about the basketball tryouts and said that there was an awesome turnout. He also mentioned the other sports that will be happening this winter.

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS & DISTRICT SERVICES

### a. School Board Acceptance of Additional Cares Grant Award Referred to as the

“Supplemental Public School Response Fund Discretionary Reserve Fund” (SPSRF#2)

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the Additional Cares Grant Award Referred to as the “Supplemental Public School Response Fund Discretionary Reserve Fund” (SPSRF#2) in the amount of \$178,400. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

### b. Budget Approval for Budget Committee

The new budget that they will propose to the Budget Committee is \$21,107,103. This information will become public knowledge after the meeting tonight. The personnel that will be affected by the budget cuts were spoken to earlier today. Parent Amy asked a question about the specific cuts and if the Board stands behind this new budget. Deborah explained the Budget Committee's process. Heather also explained the specifics and process of the Committee. The Committee is worried about the tax rate and wants to try to keep it down. Heather thinks it's better to meet their requests and then work from there to hopefully reach an agreement. David

said that he could stand behind this budget and say that it's a good budget. Superintendent Furbush went through the budget and all the specific cuts.

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to put forward a new budget of \$21,107,103 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Vice Chair David Mylott. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

David made a comment about the warrant articles and the verbiage. There was a brief discussion about this topic. Bonnie went through the different bond terms, lengths, and rates. Superintendent Furbush asked if the Board wants legal representation at the deliberative session, and they said yes.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Public Minutes for December 3, 2020

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept the Public Minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting as written. Seconded by Member Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries. Member Robin O'Day abstained.**

### **MANIFEST**

a. Accounts Payable

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to accept Accounts Payable #12 dated 12/11/20 in the amount of \$374,348.89. Seconded by Vice Chair David Mylott. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **COMMENTS/OTHER**

Heather wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Deborah noted the difference between the kid's excitement with snow versus the adults. She also wished everyone a happy holiday.

Superintendent Furbush thanked his professional, dedicated team for their help trimming down the budget.

### **NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED**

a. Meeting to be scheduled for January 7, 2021

### **NONPUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II (a. personnel)**

There will be no Non-Public Meeting tonight, December 17, 2020, following the public meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Heather Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.  
Seconded by Vice Chair David Mylott. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Wilkins

School Board Secretary