South Hampton School Board Meeting
Barnard School
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Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019  Time: 4:30 p.m.  School Administration Unit No. 21

Board Members Present: Jim Kime, Chairman; Sharon Gordon, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Burdick;
Administration Present: Walter Huston, Principal; Dr. William Lupini, Superintendent; Matt Ferreira, Business Administrator; Aline Donabedian, Director of Special services

Absent: Dr. Ronna Caderette, Assistant Superintendent

Call to Order – Chairman Kime called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes:
   a. Ms. Burdick moved to approve the April 2, 2019 Public/Non-Public minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Gordon. The motion passed unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

2. Reports:
   a. Superintendent – Report was presented an included in the packet.
      i. Dr. Lupini commented that the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct were sent out in the packets.
      ii. There is an administrator retreat that will focus on educator evaluations. There is also a conference in Exeter. That conference was attended last year as well and was beneficial.
      iii. The Board NHSPA training will be on two different nights and people can choose which works best for them. The meeting time will be at 5:30 p.m. not 6:00 p.m.
      v. There is a new paperless initiative, and the Board can be part of the pilot program if they wish. Members will be provided a device to access the online documents. The whole Board would have to participate if there was interest. Chairman Kime, Vice Chairman Gordon and Ms. Burdick agreed to participate in the pilot program. Ms. Burdick questioned if electronic signatures would be included. Mr. Ferreira responded that was on the road map, but realistically was probably a year out.
   b. Assistant Superintendent
      i. No report this month.
   c. Principal – Report was presented and included in the packet.
      i. Principal Huston commented that the PTA did an incredible job at their first “Jump-a-thon.” They raised $2,500 dollars. The plan is to do some sort of “a-thon” each spring because it is a good fundraiser.
      ii. The Destination Imagination team has qualified for the global tournament. They have raised almost $10,000 and are close to their fundraising goal. Senator Sherman has also invited the team to the State House.
      iii. There is a maintenance issue with the slide. It has been installed, but is 2 feet above the ground. For now the slide is out of order. Principal Huston has talked to
the installer and the insurance company about solutions. Possible solutions include
adding another section to the slide or increasing the mulch beneath it.

d. Board
  i. No report this month.

e. Finance
  i. Mr. Ferreira commented that they have the YTD expenditure reports. Overall, there
  is an available balance of $38,000. That does not reflect the $26,000 that will be
  withdrawn from roof expendable trust. That has not been deducted because it has
  not been withdrawn yet. In reality it is another $26,000. There should not be any
  major swings barring an unforeseen event.
  ii. The GMR health insurance rate revisit resulted in a 4.3% reduction. That $7,000
  savings will be reflected next year.
  iii. Chairman Kime questioned if there was a new high school student who moved into
  South Hampton. Mr. Ferreira responded that there was an additional partial student
  and that is reflected. It went up about $1,000 dollars because they were
  inaccurately invoiced from Amesbury. The Amesbury invoice double counted a
  student as full time and partial. That has been corrected.

f. Facilities
  i. This was included in Principal Huston’s report.

g. Board Goals Update
  i. No update this month.

h. Other
  i. Dr. Lupini commented that they were in the process of putting together a letter to
  clarify the high school conversation for parents. They also have a request from a
  student at Amesbury Elementary to transfer to the Barnard School. Dr. Lupini
  needed to make sure the Board policy allowed it. If so, the request would need to
  go through correct process. There would be more information to follow.
  ii. Ms. Burdick questioned if there was more information on the homework policy. Ms.
  Burdick had previously called attention to students being overloaded with
  homework. Dr. Lupini responded that he would look to see if there was a
  homework policy and report back.
  iii. Chairman Kime questioned if there were any updates about the conversation with
  Winnacunnet High School and the disagreement on cost. Dr. Lupini responded that
  Winnacunnet did not change their minds. However, no one on the Board objected
  to having students go to there whether it is full time or for SST. This Board would
  pay the same tuition they pay toward Amesbury High School and parents would
  have to pay the difference. For the SST years they would pay the entire
  Winnacunnet and SST tuition. For the years the student would not be at SST the
  District would pay the tuition they pay for Amesbury and the parents would pay the
  difference. Vice Chairman Gordon questioned if there were resources for parents
  who could not afford it. Dr. Lupini responded they he would look into it. Students
  could start at Amesbury High School and transfer in their last 2 years for SST. Ms.
  Burdick questioned if any 8th graders were planning to go there next year. Dr.
  Lupini responded that there was one request and they would be grandfathered into
  the current policy.

3. Questions and Comments from Those in Attendance
a. No Questions or comments.

4. Continuing Business

a. No continuing business.

5. New Business

a. Amesbury High School Presentation (Principal Elizabeth McAndrews)

Principal McAndrews presented a breakdown of the 30 South Hampton students who attend Amesbury High School. There was a big influx of 11 students for grade 9. One of the five 12th graders was not on track to graduate. As a result the presentation only referenced the four seniors who were on track. The purpose of the presentation was to show how prepared and involved the Barnard students are at Amesbury High School. Only 20 of the 30 South Hampton students attended Barnard for at least one year before coming to Amesbury High school. The presentation only focused on the 20 who went to Barnard School.

Dr. Lupini questioned if it was it was normal to have so many South Hampton students who did not attend the Barnard School. Principal McAndrews responded that one family with 3 boys moved from Amesbury to South Hampton. Chairman Kime added the Barnard School population has increased. Mr. Ferreira added that they were projecting to hit 100 students in the next couple of years.

Principal McAndrews presented the academic results for Q1, Q2 and Q3. It showed that almost half were in either honor roll or high honor roll each quarter. Students take four classes a quarter unless they are in band or chorus. In Q1 all South Hampton students earned A’s B’ and C’s in their classes. In Q2 there were more B’s and C’s, a D, and an F. This is not unique to South Hampton. The second quarter typically has a drop in student performance. It’s a little bit more challenging. Principal McAndrews presented the student’s performance by course. Students who have a learning center block cannot take language or social studies as a freshman. They make it up sophomore year. There is a schedule change proposed and it is in negotiation.

Dr. Lupini questioned if they had proposed something that impacts the schedule so much it required a collective bargaining agreement. Principal McAndrews responded that the short version was that the language around the amount of teaching blocks per week prevents teachers from doing more.

Principal McAndrews tried to get information on SAT scores to compare South Hampton and Amesbury students. The college testing board revamped their site, so it was hard to find. The Guidance Counselor hand calculated the South Hampton results. Principal McAndrews believed that they were close to the overall Amesbury High School student results. The four seniors are all planning to go to four-year colleges. Dr. Lupini questioned if there were MCATs results. Principal McAndrews responded that she would include them next time.

Principal McAndrews presented information on the student’s athletic participation. Participation averages between 4 and 13 students depending on the season. Overall the whole high school has 65% participation. Dr. Lupini questioned if there was as many opportunities in the winter. Principal McAndrews confirmed there was not. There was ice hockey, basketball, indoor track, and cheering. 40% of the students from the Barnard School were involved in core curricular activities. 6 out of the 20 students held leadership positions.

Chairman Kime questioned how prepared the Principal felt the Barnard School students were for Amesbury High School. Principal McAndrews responded that the students were in line if not ahead of most students at Amesbury High School. The hardest part is the social transition to larger classrooms and going to a school with kids they don’t know. It takes a while to immerse in school culture. The co-curricular activities are a good interaction point. Principal McAndrews shared the tentative schedule for the May 24, 2019 Shadow Day. The first block will be in a classroom, then they will talk about summer reading in the library, students from different organizations will talk about opportunities, there will be a tour of the building, and lunch.

Ms. Burdick requested more information on the proposed schedule change. Principal McAndrews responded that two years ago it was brought to a vote by the union and they voted it down. Principal McAndrews is not allowed to talk to parents about it for suggestions, so she was not sure that the information out there was an accurate reflection of the proposal. Once it is approved they will do a student presentation and include parents. Dr. Lupini commented that in another district in MA a schedule like this
was determined discriminatory because it prevented kids with a learning disability certain opportunities. Principal McAndrews responded that they had a new superintendent who is more familiar in negotiations like that.

Ms. Burdick questioned if students would adjust to the new schedule. Principal McAndrews confirmed they would.

6. **Personnel** – Nothing at this time.
7. **Policy** – Nothing at this time.
8. **Other** – Nothing at this time.
9. **Signing of the Manifests** – The manifests were signed.
10. **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday June 6, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
11. **Non-Public (if needed) under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-e) Roll Call Vote** – N/A
12. **Adjourn** Chairman Kime adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Frey, Recording Secretary