South Hampton School Board Work Session

Barnard School
Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
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Public Minutes – Work Session

Approved by the Board – October 5, 2016

School Board members: Kimberly Molin, Rebecca Burdick, and Nancy Considine.

Administration: Robert Sullivan, Ed.D; Superintendent, Barbara Hopkins; Assistant Superintendent, and Ken Darsney; Principal

South Hampton Budget Committee: Ron Preston, Dennis Blair, Will Hodge, and Dan Mahoney

The work session began at 7:39 p.m.

Discussions were held concerning Catastrophic Aide (CatAide), changes to the current budget and establishing future meeting dates.

CatAide is based on the state average of 15K. Discussion included how CatAide works, how it defines how students are covered, if caps come into play, and the unusual expense for Amesbury High students. Discussion progressed to special education costs in regards to Amesbury High and additional costs by South Hampton.

Kim Molin reviewed with the BudCom changes to the current budget due to new hires and special education needs, increase of specific positions, out-of-district tuition costs, and where cost savings have been achieved to help offset these costs.

The boards agreed to meet in December so BudCom can understand how the school board decided to proceed. The importance of making decisions early enough to create the necessary warrants was noted.

Motion: Kim Molin moved to adjourn the work session at 8:15 p.m. Nancy Considine seconded. Motion passed: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Hopkins, C.A.G.S.
Assistant Superintendent of Schools