

**HAMPTON SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 8, 2017
Hampton Town Hall**

Present: Les Shepard, Chair
Ginny Bridle
Frank DeLuca
Andrea Shepard

Others Present: Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent SAU 90
Nathan Lunney, Business Administrator SAU 90

1. Call to Order

Chair Shepard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

3. National School Board Association

A video produced by the National School Board Association entitled "Why Do We Do What We Do?" was presented. The Board found it very inspirational.

4. School Board Member Updates

Ms. Shepard said the Wellness Committee has been working this summer. There will be a Farmers' Market on the morning of August 28th at Marston. There will be fresh produce, goat cheese, goat milk, etc. available.

Chair Shepard passed out the NHSBA Legislative Summary.

Ms. Shepard said the Building Committee will be meeting on September 20th.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Reports

Pupil Services

Jessica Parsons, Director of Pupil Services, said on July 5th their Extended School Year kicked off servicing 55 students from grades PK-8. The program has provided a variety of services including, but not limited to academic, language, social and motor skills support. The staff was made up of a variety of Special Educators.

Ms. Parsons said the Title I fund dropped drastically by \$26,270.68. Mr. DeLuca asked how many students are serviced by Title I. Ms. Parsons said Title I supports students of low income. A tutor costs about \$13,000/year, so this cut would delete two tutors. It is a fluid program, usually around 40-50 students. These students are not necessarily Special Ed children.

Superintendent Murphy said with the grant situation as it is, this will be a budget item that should be addressed.

Moved by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Shepard, to ask Superintendent Murphy and Nathan Lunney to look for funding to support Title I starting September of 2017 and going into 2018.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Administrators' Reports

Nathan Saddler, Assistant Principal at Marston, and Anna DeVylder presented the Student & Parent Handbook for 2017-18. Some very minor changes were made.

Moved by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Shepard, to approve the Student & Parent Handbook as amended.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Principal David O'Connor said this fall the 6th graders will ride the middle school bus to Marston School. Breakfast will be available. The students will attend core classes in the morning and then they will be bussed to Hampton Academy for Unified Arts, athletics, etc. According to tradition, on the opening day of school the two youngest 6th graders will ring the bell. Staff will be on site at Marston to support the grade 6 students. Mr. O'Connor and Dr. Costa have been working since April to ensure that all transition items are in place.

Technology Report

Greg Limperis discussed the new website. Mr. DeLuca asked about computers, Chrome books, etc. Mr. Limperis said they will have everything in place very soon. Computers for First graders should be available to students and staff by the first week in September.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Murphy said she attended the NH State Board of Education monthly meeting to express the District's concern about revamping the ELA and Math standards. She focused on the substantial financial commitment the Board and the community have made over the past five years to update curriculum. The State Board voted to not open Language Arts and Math.

Teachers worked this summer on the Science and Social Studies curriculum. Title II funds covered the costs for this work. Superintendent Murphy noted that Smarter Balance will no longer be the state assessment. There is not any word on the replacement.

A PreK – 8th Grade committee on drugs and alcohol will be formed.

There are very few changes in bus routes. The only change is in the St. Cyr area.

Moved by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Shepard, to approve the bus routes as presented.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Murphy discussed the goals for next year. She said work is being done on the Strategic Plan and asked for feedback from the Board on the activities to meet the goals for the 2017-18 school year.

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Lunney said that the Food Service has a better than \$10,000 surplus. Mr. Lunney said it is now necessary to move the lunch price up to \$2.85. Last year it was \$2.75 based on the formula from the Federal Government.

Mr. DeLuca suggested moving the price up to \$2.90. Ms. Bridle noted that revenues

will be lost because of the loss of the Head Start contribution for meals.

Moved by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Bridle, to raise the price of lunch to \$2.90. Chair Shepard said he would prefer \$2.85. Ms. Shepard suggested increasing the price of breakfast. Mary Borg said she would like \$2.85 for lunch and \$1.60 for breakfast.

Vote: 2 yes, 2 no (A. Shepard, L. Shepard). Motion failed.

Moved by Chair Shepard, seconded by Ms. Bridle, to increase the price of lunch to \$2.85. Breakfast will remain at \$1.50.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lunney presented the Capital Improvement Plan. She said this plan will be submitted to the Town CIP.

Moved by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Bridle, to accept the Capital Improvement Plan as submitted.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Lunney discussed the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant. It is a grant for the purpose of acquiring or developing public outdoor recreational areas and facilities. It is a matching grant. Mr. Lunney said it would be possible to do something with the Towle Farm Road property. However, the property would have to be maintained for public recreation in perpetuity.

Chair Shepard said he would not like to handcuff anybody about what can be done with the land in the future. Discussion followed and it was decided it would not hurt to apply.

Moved by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, to submit an application for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Murphy discussed the 2017-18 School Calendar. She asked if the January 26th release day could be moved to January 24th.

Moved by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Ms. Bridle, to move the January 26th release day to January 24th.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2017 (Regular Meeting and Non-Public Meeting).

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shepard complimented Keith Lessard and his team on all their fine work. Superintendent Murphy also complimented Mr. Lessard and team.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

8. Non-Public Session – may be called under RSA 91-A:3 II (a)-roll call vote required

Moved by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Bridle, to move into Non-Public Session at 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary