

**HAMPTON SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 12, 2017  
Hampton Town Hall**

**Present:** Les Shepard, Chair  
Ginny Bridle  
Frank DeLuca  
Andrea Shepard  
Peppa Ring

**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. Introduction of New Employees**

Principals Lannan, Costa and O'Connor and Jessica Parsons, Director of Pupil Services introduced new staff members for this school year.

**4. Merrill Family Presentation**

Chair Shepard welcomed Dean, Jeff and Lisa Merrill and said they were at the meeting to make a donation to the District.

Dean Merrill said they were pleased to help out the building project. They wanted to be a part of it and it is an honor to donate. Jeff Merrill said his father graduated from the Academy in 1944 and his mother in 1948. He said they are very pleased to make this donation. Hampton Academy has been a great part of their lives. Lisa Merrill said that hopefully their parents will be remembered.

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Ms. Ring, to accept the donation from the Merrill Family in honor of their parents.

**Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Principal O'Connor said he would like to honor the Merrill Family's parents with a plaque in the new Community Room.

## 5. **School Board Member Updates**

There were no updates at this time.

## 6. **Public Comment**

Mary-Louise Woolsey said that three years ago the Board elected to renovate the Academy rather than construct a new building. She said she was delighted with this decision. However, this leaves the parcel known as Batchelder Park with nothing. Ms. Woolsey asked the Board to give serious consideration to donating this parcel including the pond to the Town of Hampton Conservation Commission.

Ms. Woolsey said there is so much building going on that a lot of the natural beauty in the area is gone. It would be a wonderful gesture for the Board to donate this property in perpetuity as just passive recreation. It would be a legacy gift.

Barbara Renaud, Chair of the Conservation Commission, said they would leave this property in its natural state in perpetuity.

Superintendent Murphy noted that the School Board has the responsibility for the maintenance on this property and also for the dam. She asked if the Conservation Commission would take care of that. Ms. Renaud said they have a conservation fund which provides for this type of maintenance.

Chair Shepard said the Board was not prepared to make a decision at this time. Jay Diener of the Conservation Commission said another option would be for the Board to maintain ownership of the property, but place it under an easement. Ms. Shepard said she likes this option.

Superintendent Murphy said information would need to be gathered and perhaps a decision can be made by November.

## 7. Reports

### Principals' Reports

Principal Lannan said they had an excellent opening at Centre School. They had a wonderful and successful summer boot camp program. They are fully staffed at this time.

Chair Shepard asked about assessments. Principal Lannan said no assessments will be done until October when students have settled in to the new year.

Ms. Shepard said she felt the summer program should be expanded.

Principal Costa said the first day of school was great. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders did very well. The transfer to the academy went smoothly.

Principal O'Connor said they were thankful for a great start of school. He thanked Keith Lessard and crew, the Police Department and Public Works Department for their help.

Report cards were discussed. Principal Lannan said this will be the third year that standards based report cards will be used. It is a work in progress. He said Centre has an open house for parents to explain the report cards. Parent feedback on this type of report has been very good.

Mr. DeLuca asked about parents who do not have access to a computer. Principal Lannan said they will be given paper copies.

Principal Costa said there will be a meeting for parents on September 25<sup>th</sup> to explain the report cards.

Ms. Shepard asked how the Special Ed staff will address standard based reporting. Ms. Parsons said that their students are graded on meeting the standards at their present level.

Principal O'Connor said the Academy has been using standards for a long time. They do live grading. He explained how the card works. Everything is on the Portal. A single letter grade for a subject doesn't make sense anymore. Principal O'Connor introduced the committee who worked very hard on the report card project.

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Ms. Shepard, to approve the new standards-based grading system for Hampton Academy.

**Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Pupil Services

Jessica Parsons, Director of Pupil Services, said there have been recent enrollments. They are fully staffed as of right now.

#### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Murphy said Smarter Balance is no longer the state assessment. The state has entered into a 3-year contract with American Institutes for Research. The exam is reported to be similar to Smarter Balance. It is adaptive and shows student growth. The results will be aligned with Smarter Balance allowing for analysis of longitudinal data.

Superintendent Murphy said First Student did not have a driver shortage in Hampton as reported elsewhere. The drivers are very loyal and return to their duties each year.

A walk-through at the Academy was done by the Fire Department to assure that every exit was visible. Interior design work is now being done at the building.

Superintendent Murphy urged the Board and community to contact their U.S. Senators and representatives and asked them to support the Title II grant.

Enrollment as of September 1<sup>st</sup> was 1082.

Superintendent Murphy presented her nomination to appoint Rebecca Trainor as Case Manager at Marston School.

**Moved** by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Ring, to accept the nomination of Rebecca Trainor as Case Manager at Marston School.

**Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Lunney presented the financials.

Mr. Lunney discussed credit card usage for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Usage is down by 25%. He also commended Mariah Blain for her work to transfer student activity funds over to the central accounting software for processing.

Mr. Lunney discussed the transfer of the Arnold and Martel properties abutting the Academy on Academy Avenue. The Selectmen completed their transfer of the lots at their August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Lunney asked for the Boards approval of this transfer.

**Moved** by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Ms. Bridle, to accept the transfer of the Arnold and Martel properties.

**Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lunney discussed the renovation at the Academy. He said the site has been live since August. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing is down as is the foyer entrance on the Eastman Gym. Foundation holes will be dug soon. The design cycle has been very fast paced.

The Board will meet with the Budget Committee next Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### Committee Reports

Ms. Shepard said the Wellness Committee's Farmers Market was successful. Everyone enjoyed it. The Committee will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Building Committee will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Curriculum Committee will meet on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8. Policy Review**

Policy DFA – Investment Policy was reviewed by the Board.

#### **9. Consent Agenda**

**Moved** by Ms. Ring, seconded by Ms. Shepard, to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2017 (Regular Meeting and Non-Public Meeting).

**Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The manifests were signed.

The calendar was reviewed.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

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

**Moved** by Chair Shepard, seconded by Ms. Ring, to move into Non-Public Session at 8:50 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary