

Hampton Falls School District

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting Minutes

Lincoln Akerman School

8 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls

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School Board Members present: Mark Lane; Chair, Pamela Miller, and Greg Marrow.

John Bailly arrived at the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Greg Parish; Vice-chair, arrived at the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Administration present: Dr. Robert Sullivan, Superintendent, Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Assistant Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, and Mark Deblois; Principal.

Other Present: Barbara Loughman, Esquire, and Diane Gorrow, Esquire – Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward & Loughman, P.L.L.C.

Mark Lane called the work session to **order** at 5:02 p.m.

2. Work Session – Electioneering and Right-To-Know Law – Presentation

Barbara Loughman, Esquire, and Diane Gorrow, Esquire presented electioneering and first amendment issues to the Hampton Falls School Board. Handouts were presented during the meeting and are available from the SAU 21 Office.

Attorney Barbara Loughman informed of the definition of electioneering. She expressed that you can inform people, and provide information but you cannot tell people how to vote.

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Other discussion includes: Electioneering at the Polling Place RSA 659:44, Election officer Electioneering by Public Employees RSA 659:44-a, Freedom of Expression RSA 273-a:1, IX, RSA 98-E:1, – Interference Prohibited - RSA 98-E2, Confidential Records- RSA 98-E3, First Amendment Government Speech, Limitations, Guidelines, and to add recommendations on all warrant articles RSA 32:5, V-a or RSA 40:13, V-a.

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What is electioneering RSA 659L44 and RSA 659L44A, Election Officers RSA 659:44, Electioneering by Public Employees RSA 659:44-a, Use of Government Property to Electioneer RSA 659:44-a, The School Board's duty to inform the voters RSA 198:4, Some conclusions

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regarding RSA 659:44 and RSA 659:44-a, Free Speech Protection RSA 98-E, RSA-E;3, and First Amendment Government Speech Doctrine.

Guidelines: How do Public Officials and Employees lawfully provide information to the public on Warrant Articles.

A brief discussion was held regarding the public documents right to know requests.

Mark Lane adjourned the work session at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary (Approved December 14, 2017)