

Hampton Falls School District

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting
Lincoln Akerman School – Library
8 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls
www.sau21.org

School Board Members present: Mark Lane; Chair, Greg Parish, Vice chair, Greg Marrow, John Bailly, and Pamela Miller.

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

At 6:02 p.m., Superintendent Sullivan called the Hampton Falls School Board Meeting to **order** Dr. Sullivan and entertained nominations for a new Chairperson.

2. Reorganization of the Board / Committee Assignments

Chairperson

Motion: Greg Parish moved to nominate Mark Lane as School Board Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. Second: Greg Marrow. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Mark Lane abstained).

Vice-Chairman

Motion: John Bailly moved to nominate Greg Parish as School Board Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. Second: Greg Marrow. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Greg Parish abstained).

Positions (Appointed)

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| SEA Negotiations | Greg Parish |
| SEA Negotiations Alternate | John Bailly |
| SESPA Negotiations | Not Needed |
| SESPA Negotiations Alternate | Not Needed |
| NHSBA Delegate | Greg Marrow |
| NHSBA Alternate | Pamela Miller |
| SAU Operations Committee Rep. | Pamela Miller |

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| SAU Operations Committee Alternate | John Bailly |
| Manifests – Reminder | Mark Lane |
| Newsletter | Pamela Miller |
| Facilities Committee Representative | Greg Parish |
| Facilities Committee Alternate | Greg Marrow |

Other

3. Accept and Adopt Policy Manual as written

Motion: Mark Lane moved to accept and adopt the policy manual as written. Second: Greg Marrow. Motion passed 5-0-0.

a. Review of Policy BCA

The Board reviewed BCA Ethics Policy Statement as written.

2. Reports

a. Superintendent's

Dr. Sullivan reviewed his written report.

i. Winnacunnet HS Principal Bill McGowan Visit

The Board welcomed Principal McGowan and Dr. David Hobbs; Curricular Coordinator, expressing appreciation for taking the time to come to the Hampton Falls School Board Meeting.

Winnacunnet Principal McGowan, and Dr. David Hobbs spoke about Winnacunnet High School: Who we are, demographics and enrollments, Required and Elective Classes, Typical Schedule, Typical Freshman Year Schedule, Course Selection Timeline Ongoing Events, and Competency Based Assessment and Grading. Dream, Think, Do – Your possibilities are endless brochure was introduced which features many Winnacunnet student possibilities. The current student enrollment is 1,077.

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David Hobbs informed about the Winnacunnet Dual Traditional Grade Book and Competencies that are being used for college transcripts, and admissions.

Power School is used by Winnacunnet.

Dr. Cadarette reviewed her written report and discussed school safety.

- ❖ Forrest Carter of Seabrook has been nominated by the SAU #21 to receive the 2018 Champions for Children Award for his dedication, passion and participation with Across New Hampshire, After School Alliance Ambassador, Seabrook Adventure Zone, Six Flags Read to Succeed, and Seacoast Youth Services. The SAU21 Administration will recognize Mr. Carter during the April 9, 2018 Seabrook School Board meeting.

b. Principal's

Principal Deblois

i. **Blizzard Bag – Update**

Kelly Trottier highlighted the Blizzard Bag progress over the last three years. She reviewed a parent survey that was distributed in December 2017, most parents know that teachers are available through email on a blizzard bag day, student Chrome books are available to bring home on a snow day and expressed that parent communication regarding blizzard bag concerns are always welcome.

The Board opened **Public Comment** for Blizzard Bag – Update

The school work involved with the Blizzard Bag program is difficult for working parents who are also working from their home. More paper activities would be easier. Sometimes parents are working and not at home during a blizzard day. Special Education student executive function takes much longer to complete the tasks and could use some choices on what a student would want to accomplish. Outside activity choices are welcome so that children don't have to spend six hours of a snow day inside. What about the idea of the teachers skyping school from home?

Participants: David Gandt, Angela Bramante, and Candace Cimon.

- ❖ Student enrollment is currently 234

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- ❖ Greg Parish agreed to participate as a Board representative on the Math Search Team.
- ❖ Mark Lane agreed to participate as a Board representative on the Spanish Search Team.

ii. **Student Recognition /Awards – Update**

Mark Deblois discussed allowing the 7th grade students to participate in the end of trimester recognitions.

c. Financial

Matt Ferreira reviewed the FY2017-2018 expenditure report.

d. Facility

i. **Project – Update**

The Board gave recognition to all the administration, committee members who worked hard, the voters who voted on behalf of the school, the private citizens in town, and now we look forward to getting the building up and running.

e. School Nutrition

The Board reviewed the 2017-18 School Nutrition Report

5. Minutes – See Voting on Agenda Items

6. Continuing Business

a. School Board Calendar – Update

There are no school board calendar updates currently, but the Board anticipates additional updates as the building process progresses.

b. Superintendent’s Working Group – Update

John Bailly informed that there have been two meetings with Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Todd DeMitchell and twice where the full Working Group has met with Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Todd DeMitchell. Ideally, the full working group will plan to meet every two weeks.

7. New Business

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a. 2018-2019 School Calendar

The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 School Calendar and inquired how the end of the school year will look like with the Blizzard Bag program in comparison with the other SAU #21 school districts.

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- ❖ David Gandt suggested that the Superintendents Working Group query all the teachers in the school about their idea of what the culture is within the school. He encouraged that the group work quickly, looking at the cultural issues in the school and work to improve the student's life within the school.

Principal Deblois discussed that the Superintendents' Committee can interview staff members about the culture within the school as a way for the teachers to participate but not needing to be on the committee.

- ❖ Angela Bramante expressed concern that parents cannot test special education students where we want them to be tested. She inquired about a special education policy involving outside testing, how much is the district spending on outside testing, discussed her spending personal money for outside testing and legal fees, and case management changes and preferences.

Superintendent Sullivan requested that Angela Bramante call the SAU21 for discussion and information.

- ❖ Karen McDermott inquired how much money is appropriated to special education and why it is sent back to the general fund? Why would it not be used entirely on the special education children?
Matt Ferreira agreed to gather previous information and informed that the 2017-2018 special education budget was \$1.08 million of which \$670,000 was spent, \$400,000 is encumbered (meaning anticipated spending this money such as for salaries, or open purchase orders), and that approximately \$14,000 is available, but it is also anticipated that this money will be utilized, if not more for the current 2017-18 budget.
- ❖ What were the tax payer costs involved with the Seventh-Grade incident? Extra teacher time, speakers coming to the school, meetings, etc.?

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Matt Ferreira agreed to gather information on the tax payer costs involved with the seventh-grade incident.

- ❖ Candace Cimon inquired about professional outsource services. The Board suggested to contact the SAU21 office, who can contact the right resources to answer these questions.

9. Voting on Agenda Items

Motion: Greg Parish moved to approve the February 8, 2018 Public, and Non-Public minutes as amended. Second: Pamela Miller. Motion passed 4-0-1. (John Bailly – abstained).

Amendment: Page 4: 7. Voting on Agenda Items line 9– Remove Pamela Miller that was written twice, and line 10 – to add Meeting to Public Meeting, Public Bond Hearing, and District Budget Hearing as written.

Motion: Greg Parish moved to approve the School Administrative Unit #21 - 2018-2019 school calendar as written. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed 5-0-0.

10. Signing of the Manifest – The members present signed the manifest.

Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 12, 2018

Motion: Mark Lane moved to enter Non-public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II for (c) at 8:34 p.m. Second: Greg Parish. Roll call vote. Pamela Miller says yes, Greg Parish says yes, John Bailly says yes, Greg Marrow, and Mark Lane says yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, Recording Secretary (Approved April 12, 2018)