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North Hampton School Board Meeting (Thursday, February 3, 2022)

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Members present

Allyson Ryder, Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Martin Tavitian, Tom von Jess

Superintendent Meredith Nadeau, Assistant Superintendent David Hobbs, Business Administrator Matthew Ferreira, Principal Susan Snyder, Curriculum Coordinator Rebecca Carlson

Absent: Assistant Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Director of Student Services Aisha Weaver

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

1. Call to Order

Information: A. **Roll Call**

Board Chairperson Tom von Jess opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: A. **January 6, 2022 (Regular Meeting)**

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion by Martin Tavitian, second by Danielle Strater.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Allyson Ryder, Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Martin Tavitian, Tom von Jess

3. Student Update

Information: A. **Student Representative Report**

Curriculum Coordinator Carlson read a report submitted by Emily Hyatt. Her report highlighted the recent spirit week, the spelling bee and the donations being collected by classes that are in conjunction of celebrating 100 days of school.

4. Questions and Comments from those in Attendance

Procedural: A. **Public Comment** - No comments were given.

5. Presentations and Updates

Information: A. **Correspondence / Commendations**

The following commendations were made: Nurse Maura was recognized by the entire school on Monday, January 31st. Nurses were recognized all across the SAU on this day for everything they have done over the past 1-2 years to keep students and staff healthy and safe during the pandemic. The entire NHS staff and students for pulling together and keeping the school going during the numerous absences that took place in January. Everyone was able to pivot seamlessly. And the First grade teaching team for organizing the food drive.

Board member Strater for officiating spelling bee. Linda Donahoe, Principal Snyder and Carly Herlihy for their contributions in making the Spelling Bee a success.

The Board thanked all of the staff for pivoting in January in order to keep the school open and running. The teachers went above and beyond and are recognized for their efforts.

Information: B. Middle School CBE update

Curriculum Coordinator Carlson introduced the presentation by thanking the board for providing this wonderful platform at board meetings to share this information with the board and community regarding CBE in the classroom. She also noted past presentations.

Rebecca Jones, 7/8 science teacher, created a video presentation on how CBE is utilized for learning in the science classroom. (A PowerPoint of the presentation is attached to the agenda.)

Assistant Superintendent Hobbs added that efforts are made to curate the presentations from all the schools board meetings throughout the SAU to create a library of CBE presentations to be available by teachers, board members and the community as a whole.

Board discussion included student involvement in creating the rubrics.

6. Continuing Business

Discussion: A. **Covid Update**

Superintendent Nadeau reported that the SAU celebrated their school nurses this past Monday for their incredible work. News was received from DHHS regarding daily reporting. It will be moving to aggregate reporting instead of daily report. This will help nurses tremendously. DHHS has also updated their toolkit guidance. The vaccination clinic has been postponed to next Thursday, February 10th due to the impending weather forecast.

It was learned that change in guidance results in a shortened time frame for isolation and/or quarantine from 10 days to 5 days. This will help in getting students and staff back into school quicker.

Action: B. Policies - Second Read & Approval

It was reiterated by the Board that many of the policies being presented are required by law at this time. The list was not pulled together on a whim. Most changes were due to state legislative changes that took place last summer.

Motion to approve the adoption and withdrawal as recommended for the 24 policies presented.

Motion by Katelyn Belanger, second by Martin Tavitian.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Allyson Ryder, Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Martin Tavitian, Tom von Jess

Information: C. Transgender policy

It was reported that the SAU21 Joint Board met on January 25th and recommended that the transgender policy will be reviewed by the Joint Board Policy Committee in March. Dr. Arakelian is currently working with each of the districts in preparing a draft of the policy. This work group will draft a policy that will be brought forward to the committee for review.

7. Administrative Reports

Reports: A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Nadeau reported that a legislative roundtable discussion was just held with good representation by state legislators and members of the Joint Board. Many bills currently under review at the state will have an impact on the local communities for public education. Those in attendance agreed to meet again in early April once it is known which bills will be moving forward. Teacher renominations will be brought forward to the Board in March. The educator and administrator review process is currently underway.

Board comments and discussion included the process for the reviews and renominations and how that process has changed from past practice. "Stay reviews" with staff were briefly discussed.

Information, Reports: B. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report

Dr. Hobbs highlighted from his report the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) work being done with professional development, teacher re-certifications, and the Portrait of a Learner committee work is continuing.

Information, Reports: C. Student Services Report

Dr. Arakelian's report is included in the agenda. Superintendent Nadeau highlighted the booster clinic that has been rescheduled to February 10th and that over 200 people indicated they were going to attend/ participate. SAU21 counselors and social workers attended training with Seacoast Mental Health. It was learned that New Hampshire had seen a huge spike in suicides pre pandemic but with no increases since the pandemic. Regardless, this is still a very serious concern.

Information: D. Principal's Report

Principal Snyder reported that the student government is holding their annual candidate night on February 16th. The event will be live streamed from the Town Hall and questions will be asked by the student body. It has been confirmed that the previously anticipated middle school field trips will not be possible due to the venues vaccine policies. Conversations are happening to gather ideas to organize day trips that will be unique to each grade 7 & grade 8 and will incorporate SEL.

Information: E. Finance Report

Dr. Ferreira reviewed the expenditure and revenue reports included in the reports. Noted a health trust refund on the revenue side. This is the second year in a row that a refund was received due to a decrease in claims. The refund includes both the employee and employer portion. Refunds will be issued to the employees. The North Hampton School District Deliberative Session will be held on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Chairperson von Jess added that the budget was unanimously approved by the NH Budget Committee.

8. New Business

Procedural: A. **New Business** - No new business.

9. Personnel

Procedural: A. **Personnel** - No Personnel items.

10. Next Meeting Dates

Information: A. **North Hampton School Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)**

Information: B. **North Hampton School Board Deliberative Session - Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)**

Information: C. **North Hampton School Board Meeting - Monday, March 7, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)** - Note date change for this meeting.

NH Student Government will host a Candidate night on Wednesday, February 16th.

Information: D. **Voting Day - Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

Information: E. **SAU21 Operations Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 9, 2022 (5:30 p.m.)**

11. Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-m)

Action, Procedural: A. **Roll Call to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-m)**. Not needed.

12. Resume Public Meeting

Action, Procedural: A. **Resume the Public Meeting**. Not Needed

13. Adjourn

Action, Procedural: A. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting 7:26 p.m.

Motion by Martin Tavitian, second by Katelyn Belanger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Allyson Ryder, Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Martin Tavitian, Tom von Jess