

North Hampton School Board Public Hearing & Meeting (Thursday, August 4, 2022)

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Members present

Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess
Superintendent Meredith Nadeau, Business Administrator Matthew Ferreira, Assistant Superintendent David Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent Mary Toomey Absent: Principal Susan Snyder

Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM

1. Call to Order

Procedural: A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Board Chair Danielle Strater and pledge of allegiance was done.

Discussion, Procedural: B. **Public Hearing on the Acceptance of a Gift**

Dr. Ferreira noted that the Town of North Hampton worked with SAU and has donated their old tractor to the school.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: A. **June 2, 2022 (Regular Meeting)**

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion by Lisa Gagalis, second by Michael Gendre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action, Minutes: B. **June 22, 2022 (Special Meeting)**

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2022, special meeting.

Motion by Lisa Gagalis, second by Marianne von Jess.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

3. Student Update

Information: A. **Student Representative Report**

No new student representative at this time.

4. Questions and Comments from those in Attendance

Procedural: A. **Public Comment**

Annamarie Banfield of Highland Drive - spoke regarding upcoming training session with Seacoast Outright. She asked the board to reconsider using this group and gave reasons why she feels this way.

Chelsi Christensen, North Hampton resident and parent has concerns with regards to gender neutral bathrooms in the school. She also voiced her concern with Seacoast Outright working with the teachers.

Madeline Dinan, student at NHS - spoke about her concerns with the gender neutral bathroom issue. She hopes that there is another solution for this.

Michael Dinan, North Hampton resident and parent - as the father of 2 daughters he does not feel that all bathrooms should be gender neutral but he agrees that there should be gender neutral bathrooms.

5. Presentations and Updates

Information: A. **Correspondence / Commendations**

None

6. Continuing Business

Action, Discussion: A. **School Safety & Emergency Management**

Superintendent Nadeau noted that this will be addressed by Dr. Hobbs in his report.

Action, Discussion: B. **NHS Proposed Statement of Inclusivity**

Dr. Hobbs noted that policy JBAB was withdrawn at the June meeting - worked with several other schools about statement of inclusivity.

The board discussed the NHS proposed statement of inclusivity (attached to the agenda).

Superintendent Nadeau suggested that the board submit any comments for changes/amendments to the proposed statement.

7. Administrative Reports

Reports: A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Nadeau introduced the new Director of Student Services/Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Toomey. She noted that there was a lot of hiring has taken place this summer. Students return to school on August 30th. Any medical or dental treatment provided in a school setting now needs explicit written consent. She also noted that Deanna Jenson is the new NHS Student Services Director.

Reports: B. **Principal's Report**

Superintendent Nadeau gave overview of principal's report (attached to the agenda).

Information, Reports: C. **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report**

Dr. Hobbs provided a brief highlight of his report, about safety and security for schools and be reviewing with principals. He noted that the Administrative retreat next week and looking forward to it. New teacher orientation is August 22nd and is looking forward to having it in person. WHS transition is going great. The Sea to Summit program had a fantastic turn out.

Information: D. **Student Services Report**

Dr. Toomey appreciates the warm welcome and feels fortunate to work with such a great group of administrators. She noted that her focus has been on filling vacancies. DOE funding an initiative aimed at supporting SEL for students (One Trusted Adult) will provide training to staff who are interested. She noted that she was in Meredith, NH for annual NH Special Ed conference and got a chance to spend time with the districts Student Services Directors. She talked about bill - SB 394 which changes the age of when a student can access education to the age of 22 from 21.

Information: E. **Finance Report**

Dr. Ferreira noted that he did not include expenditure or revenue reports since we are only a month into the fiscal year. He will start including them in September. He spoke about a grant opportunity - SAFE Grant to assist school security projects in NH, schools can be awarded up to \$100,000. He noted that Mrs. Snyder submitted applications for this grant and we should hear by the end of the month for the first round of grant awards. Applications that are not awarded funds get rolled over to the next round.

8. New Business

Action, Information: A. **Reopening Plan**

Superintendent Nadeau, commented that there are no significant changes to the reopening plan from last year (reopening plan is attached to the agenda).

Motion to accept the reopening as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion by Katelyn Belanger, second by Michael Gendre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action, Information: B. **North Hampton Family/Student Handbook 2022-2023**

Motion to approve the NHS Family/Student Handbook for 2022-2023.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Lisa Gagalis.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action: C. **Overnight Field Trip**

Motion to approve an overnight field trip for grade 7 to attend The Leadership School in Maine from September 7-9, 2022.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Marianne von Jess.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action: D. **Acceptance of Gift - Town of North Hampton Highway Department**

Motion to accept the donation of a 2004 John Deere Tractor valued at \$10,000 from the Town of North Hampton.

Motion by Lisa Gagalis, second by Katelyn Belanger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action: E. **Acceptance of Gift - The Fuller Foundation**

Motion to accept a donation of \$2,000 from The Fuller Foundation for greenhouse projects.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Michael Gendre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Discussion: F. **Audit Questionnaire**

Dr. Ferreira noted that it is audit time and as part of the audit process we ask the board a number of questions on the questionnaire. He and the board proceeded to complete the audit questionnaire.

Discussion, Information: G. **Policies - First Read**

Superintendent Nadeau noted that in June the Policy Committee reviewed 56 policies (these were recommended policies) of these they are recommending that 37 move forward and 19 for withdrawal.

Discussion, Information: H. **Policy KLG - First Read**

The board asked if this will be voted on in September and Superintendent Nadeau noted that it would.

Action, Information: I. **Extracurricular Stipends Committee Recommendation**

Dr. Ferreira spoke about the changes the school would like to make with regards to extracurricular stipends (attached to agenda)

Motion to accept the Extracurricular Stipends Committee recommendations.

Motion by Katelyn Belanger, second by Lisa Gagalis.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action, Information: J. **LED Lighting Upgrade**

Dr. Ferreira explained the LED lighting project upgrade (more information attached to the agenda).

Motion to accept the EMC LED lighting upgrade proposal utilizing the eversource smart incentive program to utilize energy savings to fund the project.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Marianne von Jess.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

9. Personnel

Information: A. **Ratification of Nomination(s)**

Discussed in non-public

Information: B. **SESPA Stipend**

Discussed in non-public

10. Next Meeting Dates

Information: A. **SAU21 Joint Board Policy Committee Meeting - Thursday, August 18, 2022**

Information: B. **North Hampton School Board Meeting - Thursday, September 8, 2022 (6:30 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).**

Motion for a roll call to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), (b) and (c) at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Katelyn Belanger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Discussion: B. **Nomination Ratification - CG**

Discussion: C. **SESPA Employees - Stipend**

12. Resume Public Meeting

Action, Procedural: A. **Resume the Public Meeting.**

Motion to adjourn the non-public session and resume the public meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Katelyn Belanger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action: B. **Recommendation: Intensive Needs Special Education Case Manager**

Motion to ratify the Superintendent's nomination and hiring of Courtney Gentile for the Intensive Needs Special Education Case Manager position for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Katelyn Belanger, second by Marianne von Jess.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

Action: C. **SESPA Employees - Stipend**

Motion to approve a one-time \$500 stipend for SESPA employees payable on the December 9, 2022 payroll.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Katelyn Belanger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess

13. Adjourn

Action, Procedural: A. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Marianne von Jess.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Danielle Strater, Katelyn Belanger, Lisa Gagalis, Michael Gendre, Marianne von Jess