

### **Members present**

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

### **Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Procedural: A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Strater called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Action, Minutes: A. **September 8, 2022 (Regular Meeting)**

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion by Lisa Gagalis, second by Katelyn Belanger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#### **3. Student Update**

Information: A. **Student Presentation**

Becca Carlson invited Connor Snow 8th Grade Student Representative to present his report. Connor updated the Board with the trimester one elections results. 7th Grade Representatives: Madison Wallus, Molly Stein. Inclusion Chair Eddie Preston, President Max Passero, Vice President was Josh Mace, Treasurer Riley Queenan, Secretary Corbin Garofalo, School Board Representative Connor Snow, 8th Grade Representatives: Brian McCown and Brantson Lark. Discussed the Gaga pit. Lastly, mentioned the great appreciation for the support of the overnight trips with regard to the Kieve trip.

Camp Kieve Trip Presentation given by Eddie Preston, Molly Stein and Sophia Gagalis. Eddie Preston presented a movie of the trip, while Molly Stein discussed the activities of the camp. Molly then read a letter from fellow student Ella LaFleur. Lastly, Sophia Gagalis discussed the food during the trip as well as chores assigned. The students were very appreciative of the opportunity.

#### **4. Questions and Comments from those in Attendance**

Procedural: A. **Public Comment**

-Frank Ferraro, resident. Discussed the impact of the lockdown, social distancing, and masking during Covid. Concerned around State Wide Testing, while specifically discussing the Statewide DLM results and his concerns over the metrics used. Provided copies of his research during the lockdown.

-Connor Snow, student. Spoke in response to Mr. Ferraro. While it was hard to learn during lockdown, however, the teachers did an amazing job during the pandemic helping us understand what we were learning.

-Ann Marie Banfield, resident. Discussed the Data Governance Plan and improvements that could be made going forward. Discussed the regulatory compliance section and protecting student information. Suggested including a provision to direct parents to inspect records in the State's longitudinal database at the Department of Education. Also recommended to include language around the release of information to include "unless allowed by parents" too. Lastly, to include full disclosure of where the data goes once it leaves the district.

-Chelsea Christianson, parent. Discussed a situation that her 8th grade daughter encountered this week. Recently met with School Administration as she felt a conversation in class was divisive and mature in nature. Ultimately, grateful to hear that the school is focused on improving academic practices and appreciated the open dialogue. Student's have had a great experience at North Hampton School.

#### **5. Administrative Reports**

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

Superintendent Nadeau presented her report. Happy to be back in the school year with activities and curriculum nights, seeing students, staff and parents back in school. Expressed her thanks for the Portrait Of a Learner event this past week, thanking Dr. Hobbs and the entire POL team for their work. Commented that there are 212 bills pending in the State Legislature at this time, with a meeting most likely to occur in December across our districts to review the bills. Noted an article in Seacoast On-Line, which discussed a piece around supporting adolescents with Mental Health where a few of our WHS staff and students were mentioned. Recently part of a discussions with WHS students who are starting a podcast. Lastly, the Joint Board will be meeting on October 18th to discuss the Superintendent's goals for the upcoming year, SAU Budget proposal for 2023/2024, and Data Governance and Anti-Discrimination policies.

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

Principal Susan Synder presented her report. The Leadership Council met on September 14th, discussed parent conferences, emergency plans, forrest stewardship program, and science curriculum. Parent conferences will be on October 19th, with teachers sending out information for two options, virtual or in person. Thanked Mr. Spooner and staff for constructing the Gaga Pit. The Talent Show is scheduled for Nov 9th, thanking the staff who are involved in putting on the show. Commented that Becca has a presentation on SAS testing. According to our analysis our students did quite well despite some of the challenges. Commodations: Fall Athletic Coaches, Kyle Diepietra-vollyball, Nurse Mara-cross country, Patrick Guidi- soccer. Recognized the scarecrows and the amazing quality, thanking all of the teachers involved. Lastly, Principal Snyder thanked Meredith Nadeau for her constant support. Becca Carlson thanked Stu Spooner and his crew for the work on the Gaga Pit. Thanked Patrick Guidi and Kyle Diepietra who taught the students how to play the game. Jeff Lukach is working on a sign for the pit. Thanked the teachers for the Curriculum Night. Deena Jensen thanked the EA's for their flexibility and grace.

The Board asked about the Competency Presentation last spring and how that was presented to the parents. Becca Carlson mentioned that it was posted and an email went out to the parents, as well as a handout to walk the parents through.

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

Assistant Superintendent David Hobbs presented his report. North Hampton School had their safety and security assessment performed in September by the State of NH Homeland Security. The Safety and Security Task Force will be meeting on October 20th with the Department of Safety. Dr. Hobbs thanked the Department of Safety for their partnership and support. Safety assessments will be wrapping up this month throughout the rest of the districts. Mentioned that parents will have access to a State portal for their students scores around state assessments at some point this year. Thanked the parents and community members who showed up for the Portrait of a Learner evening this past Tuesday. Generous business donations provided by: Walk the Walk, Markey's Lobster Pool, Brown's Lobster Pound, Eastman's Docks, Winnacunnet gave a swag bag, and Westover Inn in VT. Huge thank you to all who participated and donated.

Board member von Jess participated in the Portrait of a Learner night and was impressed with the positive conversations around the core education values. Suggested to parents to participate in future events as it is the opportunity to voice your opinions. The Board questioned if parents view their State scores and have concerns, that the parents can then reach out to their teachers to address those concerns. Dr. Hobbs said that parents can reach out.

### Information: D. **Student Services Report**

Superintendent Nadeau presented Dr. Toomey's report, highlighting the planning for the April 2023 workshop day which will be focusing on Social and Emotional Learning, commenting that speaker Brian Mendler, author of "Changing Lives, One Student at a Time" will be the key presenter. There was a flu clinic earlier this week for staff. SAS covid testing continues to be held.

### Information: E. **Finance Report**

Superintendent Nadeau presented the Finance Report in Dr. Ferreira's absence, which includes a full 21/22 year end summary of the budget, with an unreserved fund balance of \$180,028 which will be returned to the Town of North Hampton. Two Warrant Articles that were approved in March of 2022, Long term Maintenance Article for \$30,000 to upgrade the HVAC system, and the Special Education Expendible Trust Warrant Article in the amount of \$60,000 coming from the unreserved fund balance.

Withdrew \$12,742 from Maintenance Expendible trust and \$15,600 from the Technology Expendible Trust used to purchase computers. The Technology Trust has a current balance of \$100 which by design will be brought forward to the town for a vote to utilize those funds and absolve the trust. Ended the year with a surplus in the school nutrition program of \$12,707. North Hampton School District received no audit recommendations. All ESSER 1 & 2 funds have been expended, and all ESSER 3 funds are encumbered and expended with the exception of paying for the final payment for HVAC controls due to supply chain issues. Current year expenditure and revenue reports are included.

## **6. Presentations and Updates**

### Information: A. **Student Assessment Data Presentation**

Becca Carlson gave a presentation on the State Student Assessment System, called SAS, with a discussion around performance indicators. Discussed findings of assessments vs nationwide research, while 2021-22 showed lower gains than typical years, there were modest improvements among elementary and middle school students, with gains across the board. Reviewed results grade by grade, also discussing other assessments such as the STAR assessment. Discussed comparative data from the state. Focus on interventions has helped identify the needs of individual students, while curriculum adjustments and vertical alignments are addressing learning disruptions. Lastly, social and emotional goals has been important especially after the past few years.

Susan Snyder commented that the Literacy specialist has seen a smaller number of students needing tier two intervention, and success having students exiting intervention. Superintendent Nadeau commented that New Hampshire consistently scores in the top 5% of assessments across the nation. The Board commented that it is important to understand that both core academics and social and emotional learning are important.

### Information: B. **Correspondence**

## **7. Continuing Business**

### Action, Discussion, Information: A. **Policies - Second Read and Adoption**

Motion to approve the adoption and withdrawal as recommended for the 54 policies presented.

Motion by Katelyn Belanger, second by Marianne von Jess.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Information: B. **Reopening Plan - Update** - No update to report

### Information: C. **School Safety & Security**

Superintendent Nadeau commented that she recently attended the Board of Selectman meeting earlier this week with regard to the Resource Officer position. The Select Board approved an MOU for the coming year. The SAU has scheduled "Stop the Bleed," which is first aid training for staff on November 2nd.

## **8. New Business**

### Procedural: A. **Communication**

Superintendent Nadeau discussed communication needs in the district and putting together a work session or committee to address those needs. The Board agreed on a work session to take place on October 20th, at 6:30 pm, public forum.

## **9. Personnel**

Procedural: A. **Personnel**

## **10. Next Meeting Dates**

Information: A. **SAU21 Joint Board Policy Committee Meeting - Monday, October 17, 2022**

Information: B. **SAU21 Joint Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

Information: C. **North Hampton School Board Budget Review - Thursday, October 27, 2022**

Information: D. **SAU21 Joint Board Public Hearing & Meeting - Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

Information: E. **North Hampton School Board Meeting - Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**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.**

**13. Adjourn**

Action, Procedural: A. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Motion by Danielle Strater, second by Lisa Gagalis.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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