

SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Dragon Library-William E. Norris School

March 15, 2010
6:00 PM

Call to Order: Kim Schott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Kimberly Schott, Don Abel, Julie Babyak, John Fitzpatrick, Craig Jurgensen, Bill Collins

Visitors: Cindy Landers, Cheryl Salomão, Melissa Kelly, Luci Dalton

Routine Matters:

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Babyak) the minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Warrants were reviewed and signed for approval.

A report was presented regarding the winter recess procedures from Mr. Collins and visitors, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Dalton. Additional data sources will be consulted by the Principal in order to better evaluate when students should be kept indoors due to low wind chill conditions.

Public Hearing School Choice

The hearing was opened at 6:22 p.m. Mr. Collins presented potential openings in each of the grades. Specific openings per grade were not determined at this time, pending further budget discussions. The hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.

Public Hearing FY 2011 School Budget

The hearing was opened at 6:44 p.m.

Information was presented regarding projected revenues and the anticipated cuts in revenue sources from the state. Level funding and level service options were discussed. Potential reductions in spending were generally reviewed. Budget deliberations will continue as additional information is available regarding anticipated revenue levels.

The hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

Budget

The FY10 Expense report for the period 7/1/2009 through 3/15/2100 was reviewed.

School Calendar

The 2010-2011 School Calendar was presented for review by the School Committee.

Policy:

Policy IHBA-Observations of Special Education Programs was presented for a second reading, and on a motion (Abel/Fitzpatrick) was unanimously approved.

Policy JH-Student Absences was presented for a second reading, and on a motion (Fitzpatrick/Babyak) was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent addressed budgetary issues and issues of cyberbullying.

Principal's Report:

Bill Collins provided an update regarding roof replacement/repair issues and coordination with the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Equipment sharing issues with the Town Highway Dept were addressed. Additional exterior lighting is being addressed with the Town Highway Department.

Cheryl Salomao, First Grade Teacher is heading the Social Studies Curriculum review, and presented a status of her activities, with a focus on new textbooks to be provided.

Mr. Collins reviewed the efforts and results of compiling residency documentation.

Future Business: Members of the school committee and administration will attend the next Select Board meeting scheduled for March 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and a meeting agenda will be posted in the event a quorum is present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn: On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Babyak) and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.