

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

November 19, 2009
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, Lauren Carmichael, John Fitzpatrick, Craig Jurgensen, Bill Collins

Visitors: Ann Roy (Selectboard Liaison), Cheryl Salomão

Routine Matters:

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) the minutes of the October 28, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Warrants were reviewed and signed for approval.

Budget:

Line item transfers will be brought to the next meeting.

Preliminary budget issues were discussed.

The Paraprofessional work schedule relating to professional development and conference days was discussed. The superintendent and the Teachers Association have exchanged correspondence outlining the understanding, but the parties will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, addressing any issues relating to the March conferences.

Additional information was presented regarding preschool expenses and revenues. However, it is anticipated that the existing space requirements will be sufficient for the coming year.

Policy:

Policy JF-School Admissions was presented for a second reading, and on a motion (Babyak/Fitzpatrick) was unanimously approved.

Policy JFAB-Nonresident Students was presented for a second reading, and on a motion (Fitzpatrick/Babyak) was unanimously approved.

Policy JFBB- School Choice was presented for a second reading, and on a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) was unanimously approved.

Policy JFAA-Admission of Resident Students was presented for a second reading, and proposed policy JFA-Admission Procedures/Residency Requirements was presented for a first reading. After discussion, Policy JFA will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting, with Residency Statement, JFA-E.

Items Requiring Action

Ethics testing and notification requirements were reviewed

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent will be following with the Country Journal publication to highlight activities in the district, and the upcoming Literacy Conference at the Norris School was addressed.

Principal's Report: Mr. Collins provided information regarding literacy initiatives in the school, including the successful Family Literacy Night, attendance by 18 Norris staff members at the Literacy for All Conference, and the upcoming Literacy Conference to be hosted by the Norris School.

The latest version of the School Improvement Plan was distributed and discussed.

Future Business: The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

Adjourn: On a motion (Abel/Fitzpatrick) and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.