

Southampton School Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Richard Dragon Library-William E. Norris School

I. Call to Order-Dr. Craig Jurgensen, Superintendent

Meeting called to order by Dr. Jurgensen at 6:03

Present: Kimberly Schott, Don Abel, Julie Babyak (arrived 6:10), Lauren Carmichael, John Fitzpatrick, Craig Jurgensen, Bill Collins

Visitors: Ann Roy, Cheryl Salomao, Kim Florek

II. Election of Officers/Liaisons

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Abel) Kim Schott was nominated as Chair/Representative to Administrative Advisory.

Motion approved unanimously 3-0-1

On a motion (Carmichael/Babyak) the following nominations were proposed as a block:

- Vice Chair (Abel)
- Secretary (Fitzpatrick)
- Third Voting member of Union 66 (Babyak)
- Hampshire Regional School Committee Member (Abel)
- School Council Member (Babyak)
- Representative to the Collaborative for Educational Services (Carmichael)
- Liaison to the Board of Selectmen (Schott)
- Liaison to the Finance Committee (Fitzpatrick)
- Liaison to the PTO (Babyak)

Motion approved unanimously 5-0-0

III. Routine Matters

A. Approval of minutes from April 28, 2010 regular meeting and May 10, 2010 special meeting.

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael), minutes of the April 28 and May 10 meetings were approved as amended (4-0-1)

- B. Circulation of Warrants
- C. Visitors

Technology Director Kim Florek gave a background presentation on the state of the technology infrastructure at Norris including the servers, firewall and hardware. There were questions around standardization at the district level and about shared services and potential for outsourcing. For instance, the “Type to Learn” program is installed locally and teachers need to monitor student progress individually and Power School is a server based application with the heavy computing centralized. Many of the Norris workstations are outdated and/or heavily taxed and are incapable of supporting the latest version of Google Earth, for example. Dr. Jurgensen asked to meet with Ms. Florek to discuss standardization and will follow up with the School Committee and will place the Technology Plan on our next agenda.

D. Tiger Talk

The next Tiger Talk is scheduled for publication on June 4

IV. Items Requiring Action

V. Budget

A. FY10

Cindy Landers presented the status of the FY10 budget and reported that unencumbered funds were estimated at \$31,000 as of this date. Proposed line item transfers were presented and discussed. On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Abel) line item transfers totaling \$25,270 were proposed and approved 4-0-1

A separate line item transfer request was presented requesting funds to supplement the Technology line. There was an explanation that the request to the Capital Planning Committee for Technology projects (including replacement laptops and new Promethean boards) were either not funded or underfunded in the Town Budget passed at Town meeting. On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) line item transfers totaling \$12,000 were proposed and approved 3-1-1. Ms. Landers will prepare line item detail for the approved transfers for signature at our next meeting.

In addition to the Technology Plan discussion agreed for our next meeting it was requested that a similar plan be developed for building maintenance.

B. FY11

A list received from the Teacher’s Association of potential cost savings ideas was presented by Mr. Collins and Dr. Jurgensen. Ms. Schott shared that she has discussed many of the suggestions with Mrs. Scott and explained the upcoming energy audit that Southampton is participating in with the Town. Mr. Collins shared that the list was prepared as a brainstorm with no weighting and that he will review the list with weighting and present suggestions at a future meeting, if the analysis warrants it.

Ms. Landers and Mr. Collins presented the FY11 proposed budget line items including detail on the cuts necessary to maintain level staffing based on the funding approved at Town Meeting earlier this month and the expected State figures. On a motion (Abel/Carmichael) the proposed budget detail totaling \$3,124,707 was approved unanimously 5-0-0

VI. Policy

A. Bullying – JICFB (start to reconcile with Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010 An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools)

Dr. Jurgensen explained that the State law regarding bullying has been passed and copies were distributed for review (Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010). Dr. Jurgensen recommended that no action be taken on the Norris bullying policy until after the Mass Department of Education shares their guidance on the effect of the new law on existing policy. The current Norris policy on Bullying was approved on September 23, 2009.

B. IHBA, Observation of Special Education Programs

Our first reading, including comments incorporated by the Hampshire Regional policy committee, was completed.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jurgensen reported that the Teacher's Association declined to sign the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the School Committee and necessary to participate in the Federal "Race to the Top" program.

A new law was passed by the State requiring signage be displayed requiring that vehicles refrain from idling their engines for extended periods on school grounds except under certain circumstances (cold weather). A line item will be placed on our next Agenda to review the law and implications on Norris.

VIII. Reports

A. Principal

Mr. Collins distributed a written report and shared the following highlights:

- Through various funding sources (including the PTO sponsored Apples and Golf fundraisers, available training funds and the Norris gift account) at least 9 teachers will be attending the Confratute at UConn this summer.
- Demand for School of Choice seats at Norris is high and more applications were received than spots are available
- Mr. Collins reported that an appeal was received from the outside group that was billed for the gym backboard. The appeal was denied by Mr. Collins and he advised the School Committee that the next step may be an appeal from the group directly to the Committee.

- Mr. Collins and Mr. Fitzpatrick agreed to meet offline to discuss a textbook matrix to be presented and reviewed at a future School Committee meeting

Cheryl Salomao presented the results of the Social Studies textbook analysis and showed samples of the text and materials that are being purchased for use beginning in September next year. Ms. Salomao shared that many of the materials include online resources and/or direct Promethean integration and some included audio capabilities for use by students reading below grade level. All grades (Pre-K through 6) will be utilizing new social studies materials next year. The Committee thanked Ms. Salomao for her organization and the Norris staff for their contributions to the textbook study.

B. PTO

New officers were elected for two year terms at the last PTO meeting and the previous leadership reported that they will be leaving with a positive balance and many of the September 2011 kickoff items are already funded (notebooks, Ice Cream Social and others...).

C. CES

No report this period

D. School Council

The School Council met with Dr. Jurgensen at their last meeting and the District Improvement Plan was reviewed

E. Hampshire Regional School Committee

The upcoming cuts at the Regional were discussed including furloughs for the main office staff. The Regional School Committee is looking forward to preparing and serving the upcoming Senior Breakfast.

F. Administrative Advisory

The annual review for the Superintendent is forthcoming and will be discussed at a future meeting.

IX. Discussion of warrants

Warrants were signed as presented

X. Set June meeting date

A quorum will not be available for the regularly scheduled June 24 meeting date. Our next meeting date will be determined offline and posted accordingly.

XI. Executive Session MGL 39:23B (3)-To conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

On a motion (Abel/Carmichael) it was proposed at 9:42PM that we move to Executive Session and approved unanimously by roll call vote 5-0-0.

XII. Adjourn

Upon return from Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded (Abel/Carmichael) to adjourn and passed unanimously at 10:03.

Don Abel

Julie Babyak

Lauren Carmichael

John Fitzpatrick

Kim Schott