

Southampton School Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Richard Dragon Library-William E. Norris School
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order- Kimberly Schott, Chair

Meeting called to order by Ms. Schott at 6:05

Attendees: Dr. Craig Jurgensen, Cynthia Landers, Ann Roy, Mr. Collins, Kim Schott, Lauren Carmichael, Don Abel and John Fitzpatrick

Absent: Julie Babyak

Visitors: Dave Croney, Luci Dalton

II. Routine Matters

A. Approval of minutes from May 27, 2010 regular meeting

Minutes of the May 27 meeting and the minutes of the May 27 Executive Session were approved on a motion (Abel/Carmichael) as written (3-0-1)

B. Circulation of Warrants

Warrants were distributed and signed without issue

C. Visitors

Mr. Dave Croney was introduced by Dr. Jurgensen and presented his reasons for appealing to the School Committee to release him of his liability for the broken basketball backboard in the gymnasium. Mr. Croney is the organizer for the Tuesday night adult group that has used the gym in the winter for recreational basketball for many years. In summary, Mr. Croney explained that:

- He had planned to cancel the basketball group that evening but when he arrived at the gym the janitor had already let his group in and they were warming up while he went to the cafeteria to see if the keys were with another user group
- He accepts that he has signed the liability documentation and would accept responsibility if he believed that the breakage was malicious
- He doesn't believe that his group should be held liable for what he believes is damage that occurred based on normal wear and tear and happened to occur while his group was using the gym

- Although he wasn't personally in the gym when the backboard was broken, he has interviewed his group and they agree that the backboard broke and that the person that took the shot is not capable of reaching the backboard or jamming the ball
- The backboard was shattered (like a windshield) while his group was there but did not come down while his group was still in the building
- The backboard was set at 10 feet when the backboard was broken

During discussion, Mr. Collins was asked the age of the backboard and he said that it was new with the Norris renovation in 1995. Mr. Collins was asked if a new backboard had been ordered and he advised the answered that it had and was being installed that evening. The Committee thanked Mr. Croney for presenting his appeal and on a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) voted unanimously to table the response to the appeal to a future meeting. (4-0-0) and requested that Mr. Collins provide detail from the new backboard's supplier about the expected lifespan of a backboard similar to the one that was replaced.

D. Tiger Talk

Mr. Fitzpatrick agreed to submit information for the next Tiger Talk.

E. Other

Ann Roy expressed thanks from the Board of Selectmen to the Norris Student Council and enthusiastically accepted their offer to hold a fundraiser for the Town Almoners.

III. Items Requiring Action

A. Tech Planning

Dr. Jurgensen shared that the Regional office will work over the coming months to coordinate a district technology plan. A handout was distributed including the Norris 2007-2012 technology plan and the Superintendent's office plan. Dr. Jurgensen offered that it is his desire to adopt a plan that each of the elementary schools and the Regional with buy in by each of the schools' principals and School Committees under the notion that some services may be able to be shared among the schools with centralized administration and lower costs.

In the coming months, Dr. Jurgensen will meet with the principals and technology support personnel, seek input on best practices from the Department of Education and will prepare to present findings and progress at our October meeting.

B. State Mandated Health Forms

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) the Committee voted to authorize the Chair to sign the yearly forms required by the State that allow for the nurse and staff to administer medications as permitted. Passed unanimously 3-0-1

IV. Budget

A. 2009-2010

Don Abel

Julie Babyak

Lauren Carmichael

John Fitzpatrick

Kim Schott

The FY 2011 budget status handout was reviewed and Cynthia Landers discussed outstanding balances and a yearend line item transfer request handout. At the time of the review, it appears that approximately \$21,000 will be returned to the Town unspent and that our School of Choice account balance will be approximately \$100,000 at yearend with \$75,000 anticipated to be added in FY11. On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) the proposed line item transfer request was approved unanimously 3-0-1.

B. 2010-2011

There was no FY11 budget discussion as the budget was approved at the last meeting and no additional revenue or cuts were passed from the State since.

V. Policy

A. IHBA, Observation of Special Education Programs

After a second reading and on a motion (Abel/Fitzpatrick) IHBA was approved unanimously as amended (Director of Pupil Services removed from paragraphs 5 and 7) 4-0-0

C. Idling (Buses and Cars)

After discussion, it was agreed that the Vehicle/Bus Idling Law passed by the State will not require a new policy because it is a law. Signs have been ordered and will be installed before the September opening in vehicle idling areas and a notice will be added to the Handbook and mentioned in Tiger Talk next year.

VI. Superintendent

- Dr. Jurgensen described a project that summer staff will work on to coordinate the how we use classroom data (MCAS etc.) across the District.
- Paperwork has been signed and submitted from Norris and the Regional office necessary to participate in the Federal Race to the Top program. Although the Teacher's association declined to participate in time for the initial submittal, Dr. Jurgensen notified the Committee that additional opportunities will be available and that with 2/3rds of the necessary forms submitted we are considered to be "in the queue" and can apply for funding as programs arise.
- An updated bullying policy will be ready for review at our July meeting

VII. Reports

A. Principal

- The textbook matrix handout was reviewed and will be updated as necessary
- A School of Choice update was given and the enrollment handout was reviewed
- Recognition night is June 21

B. PTO

Don Abel

Julie Babyak

Lauren Carmichael

John Fitzpatrick

Kim Schott

- Raised over \$1000 on the golf tournament
- The Apple Pie Festival was discussed at the last PTO meeting. The Festival will be held, but based on the discussion, it is anticipated that a number of changes will be implemented.

C. CES

- No update this period

D. School council

- No meeting this period (adjourned for the year in May)

E. Hampshire Regional School Committee

- Final budget was passed at the last meeting and will result in an increase for Southampton over the budget passed at Town Meeting

F. Administrative Advisory

- The first 15 minutes of the first Board of Selectmen meeting every month will be reserved for discussions with Department heads (although they are welcome to any BOS meeting).

VIII. Discussion of warrants

Warrants were signed as presented

IX. Adjourn

Calendars were reviewed and the meeting schedule for the next 4 months was agreed:

July 28, 6:00 PM (tentative)

August 25, 6:00 PM

September 22, 6:00 PM

October 27, 6:00 PM

On a motion (Carmichael/Abel) it was unanimously agreed at 8:20 PM to adjourn 4-0-0

Minutes approved August 25, 2010