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Southampton School Committee  
Minutes of Special Town Meeting Prep Meeting  
Library-William E. Norris School  
May 19, 2008  
3:00 p.m.

Present: Kimberly Schott, Don Abel, John Cowley, Lauren Carmichael, Barbara Ripa, Bill Collins, Cindy Landers

Visitors: Town Moderator Ed Batchelder

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Town Meeting Budget Preparation:

Bill informed the Committee that individual departments would not be making formal presentations at Town Meeting. Town Moderator Ed Batchelder confirmed this and explained that the omnibus budget would be voted on as a whole.

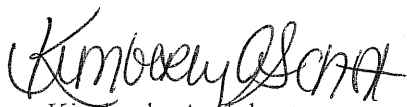
Kim confirmed how the FY09 textbook money would be spent, and Bill indicated that it would be used to purchase science kit. The intent is to purchase them for the entire school but if funding doesn't allow that, the kits would be purchased starting at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level and working down through the grades.

Barbara noted that the vocational tuition was based on a projected enrollment 38.5 students, but unofficial figures indicate that actual enrollment may be 36.5 students. Don requested that as soon as we have the actual figure (sometime over the summer) that we let the town know so that if there is extra in that line item, it can be moved out of the account at the anticipated special Town Meeting in the fall.

Other: Kim requested that warrants be available for review at the monthly meetings no later than 6:15 p.m. Cindy agreed to try to arrange the building evaluation meeting and have a date set prior to the School Committee meeting on May 28.

Adjourn: On a motion (Abel/Schott) the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly A. Schott  
Southampton School Committee

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Southampton School Committee  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
Library-William E. Norris School  
April 30, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Angela Valinski, Kimberly Schott, Dave Giles, Don Abel, John Cowley (6:45), Barbara Ripa, Bill Collins, Cindy Landers

Visitors: Mary Phelan, Regina Pool

Call to Order: Angela called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Routine Matters: Warrants were circulated for review and signatures. On a motion (Abel/Giles) March 26, 2008 meeting minutes were approved. On a motion (Giles/Abel) March 26, 2008 executive session minutes were approved. A motion (Abel/Giles) was made to approve minutes of April 8, 2008 meeting with the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. Don made a motion to amend the minutes to remove the word "illegally". There was no second to Don's motion and the minutes were passed as presented, with Don casting a dissenting vote. Kim will submit a clip for inclusion in the next Tiger Talk if there is anything to report.

Angela and Dave were presented with gifts from the Committee and Superintendent to thank them for their years of service on the School Committee.

Principal's Report:

Bill reported that Mike Flynn will be spending the next school year as a Teacher In Residence at Westfield State College. WSC will pay the school Mike's salary while he is away. Mike, in his capacity as Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, will also throw out the first pitch at the Red Sox game on May 22.

Next year there is going to be a pilot program in Laurie Frye's kindergarten class based on the preschool model of having special ed. speech and language services provided in the classroom. This class will have a lower enrollment (13) and more adults in the room than the other 3 kindergarten classes.

The School of Choice slots for the 2008-2009 school year were filled with siblings of current School of Choice students. All 6 of the slots were in kindergarten.

The cafeteria update indicates that the cafeteria will likely end the school year in the black. Kim questioned why balances aren't coming home on a regular basis, and Bill said he would speak to the cafeteria manager about sending home balances more consistently. Bill also said that the recent decision to stop selling

bottled water in the cafeteria was based on the Wellness Committee's concerns about potential toxins in the plastics as well as environmental concerns. John asked if there have been any complaints about food quality, and Bill said a parent had come in with some concerns, but upon seeing the cafeteria for himself felt that he had been misinformed. The Board of Health recently conducted a surprise inspection after a member of the Board expressed concerns. According to Bill, there were some minor infractions including poultry being stored above other food and open beverage containers for the cafeteria employees. Mary asked the Board of Health for a written report, which she was told would be provided after the first Board meeting following town elections on May 5.

Old Business:

Barbara reported that the policy manual is done and she will bring the Committee's copy to the next meeting.

Cindy reported that the Board of Selectmen has reduced the school's budget for May's annual Town Meeting to \$3,874,310, a reduction of \$102,515.

Cindy also reported that she has spoken to Diana Schindler (Town Administrator) regarding the building evaluation Diana said she would arrange at the April 8 meeting. According to Cindy, Diana indicated that the building inspector believes that the flashing between the old and new parts of the building needs replacement. Bill indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, the building inspector has not inspected the roof since the April 8 meeting, as none of the school custodians have given him access to it. Cindy is going to coordinate a meeting with Diana, Bill, Ed Cauley, and the building inspector to develop a plan to deal with the building issues.

New Business:

On a motion (Giles/Schott) the 2008-2009 school calendar was approved.

The question of the School Committee's responsibilities regarding AYP were addressed. Barbara reported that the state considers all of the schools in the 5 districts to be one school district, and is therefore requiring only one district improvement plan for all of them. Barbara and her staff are working on it and will present it to each committee for approval early in the fall.

Regina Pool gave a curriculum collaboration update.

Cindy presented the Committee with line item transfers. On a motion (Schott/Cowley) the transfers were approved. On a motion (Abel/Schott) the Committee authorized Cindy to submit a warrant article to the BOS regarding the next school bus contract.

Mary Phelan reported that Williamsburg has received a \$60,000 Essential School Health Services grant, which will be used to hire another full time nurse who will be based at the high school but available to float to other schools as needed.

Reports:

Barbara reported that HEC is considering expanding into Franklin County.

There was some discussion about Barbara's pending contract negotiations. On a motion (Abel/Giles) the committee voted to instruct the Chair of the Southampton School Committee to inform the Administrative Advisory Committee that we would like to proceed with negotiations to renew Barbara's contract.

Executive Session:

The Executive Session noted on this month's agenda did not take place.

Other:

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting is after the annual Town Meeting. A meeting was scheduled for 3:00 on May 19 to finalize the Town Meeting budget presentation.

Adjourn: On a motion (Giles/Schott) the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly A. Schott  
Secretary, Southampton School Committee