

Southampton School Committee  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
Library-William E. Norris School  
January 23, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Angela Valinski, Kimberly Schott, Dave Giles, Don Abel, Barbara Ripa, Barbara Barlow, Bill Collins, Cindy Landers (7:08)

Visitors: None

Call to Order: Angela called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Routine Matters: Warrants were circulated for review and signatures. On a motion (Giles/Abel) December 19, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Principal's Report:

Bill reported that there are plans for an 8 week MCAS math help group to meet 3 nights/week starting in February to help SPED students prepare for MCAS testing. It involves 2 teachers and one para and will cost about \$3000.

There are only 2 School Choice students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade so we may only need 2 new kindergarten choice students to maintain current levels.

Thanks to Dave Giles and CVS, the school has received a \$750 grant that is being used to purchase adaptive playground equipment for the pre-school.

Bill prepared a comparison of average Southampton per pupil expenditures versus the rest of the Pioneer Valley over the past several years. Southampton is approximately \$2000 below the average for the area in PPE.

Barbara Ripa circulated a memo addressing the emergency lighting situation in the school and asked for the Committee's approval to forward it to the Board of Selectmen. There was no formal vote but there was tacit agreement to forward the memo to the BOS.

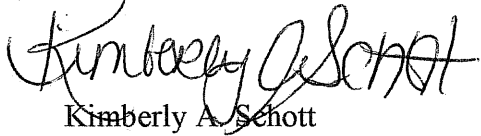
New Business:

Bill made a Powerpoint presentation about his preliminary FY09 budget. His narrative touched on a variety of needs, including personnel, security, maintenance, curriculum, professional development, technology, supplies, equipment, and school choice income and management of choice funds.

Future Business: The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: On a motion (Schott/Giles) the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Schott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kimberly A. Schott  
Secretary, Southampton School Committee