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

September 24, 2008  
6:30 PM

Call to Order: Kim Schott, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: John Cowley

Visitors: None

Routine Matters: On a motion (Fitzpatrick, Carmichael) the minutes of the August 27, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

Warrants were circulated for review and signature. The Power School maintenance fee was reviewed. The issue of consolidating orders to save on shipping charges for multiple orders from the same provider was revisited.

Principal's Report:

Bill presented data regarding school population trends. He also advised that as more children were identified with SPED issues in the preschool that the program could be expected to grow, with an additional classroom possibly being required for FY 10/11. There was a discussion regarding an offsite location of this program, pending renovation of the Larabee school.

Bill reported that the school had received a REAP grant in the amount of \$44,510.00. Anticipated use of grant included payment for the Math coach, and technology coordinator. Purchase of Promethean Board is also considered.

Staffing issues/long term subs were addressed.

A significant number of the staff have agreed to participate in the pilot teacher evaluation program.

MCAS results were reported, and the school failed to meet its English Progress Goal. The school did meet its Math Progress Goal.

The sixth grade is engaged in its Professional Learning Community meetings, with an eye toward implementing the same in the lower levels.

Capital Budget items and planning were reviewed.

Old Business: Cindy Landers presented the status of the budget, which is on target. The quarterly report will be presented in October. A potential issue will be long term subs, based on staffing issues.

Cindy presented flooring quotes based on the State Contract numbers.

The roof repairs made by the roofing contractor appear to have worked in the areas in which the work was done. However, the roof is still leaking in those areas where the porous walls are at issue. The issue of spraying was again addressed.

After discussion it was determined the Committee would schedule a joint meeting with the Select Board to address the flooring issue through the William E. Norris, and request for funding for spraying the walls.

Policy JRA-Student Records, as revised, was reviewed. On a Motion (Fitzpatrick/Abel) it was unanimously voted to adopt Policy JRA.

New Business: Barbara Ripa informed the Committee that there will be an All School Committee meeting scheduled for October 29, 2008 at the Hampshire Regional Media Center.

Policy DGA was presented for a first reading. It was recommended that the policy provide that the Chair or the Chair's designee be authorized.

Bill Collins reported that the Norris School had enrolled in the Safe Routes program.

It is the intention of the committee to more regularly and systematically review, revise and update the Policy Manual. Section D regarding Budgetary issues was raised as a point of future interest.

#### Future Business

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Executive Session

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Abel) and a roll call vote, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, at 8:45 p.m.

At 9:15 the Committee exited Executive Session.

Adjourn: On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.