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

December 16, 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.

Routine Matters: On a motion (Fitzpatrick, Carmichael) the minutes of the November 25, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Minutes of the Executive Sessions of October 22, 2008 and November 25, 2008 to be discussed in Executive Session.

Warrants were circulated for review and signature.

John Fitzpatrick's report in Tiger Talk was commended, and he will prepare another for the next edition.

The monthly budget update was presented.

Principal's Report: MCAS remediation classes will be provided using savings from out of district funding as part of the school's AYP plan. The issue of whether an English component could be addressed as well with the same group. Mr. Collins advised that there was some overlap within the groups and it would be explored.

Staff involvement and initiatives regarding the further development of a Professional Learning Community were reviewed. The school's initiatives in this respect have been very well received by the staff, with beneficial results to the students.

School cancellation notices through Connect Ed were reviewed. An unlimited number of calls can be made, but finite number per child. Additional numbers can be added, and information as to updating the contact numbers will be distributed to the community.

Old Business: The Bus Routing Software implementation was reviewed. Ms. Landers reported that routing information was being collected from the vendors. Bids will be put out in late December. Ms. Landers is exploring collaborative bidding.

The Building Use Policy, KF-1 and Use Form, KF-A, were reviewed and revised. The first issue was for more explicit notice and compliance with the Nut Safe Protocols. Revisions were also made to the Building Use Policy, and will be brought back to the next meeting.

New Business: Policy DBJ, Budget Transfers was presented for a first reading.

Mr. Collins presented the Principal's vision for FY2010. The proposed Budget will be presented at the next meeting.

The school committee's philosophies and goals were addressed, with further discussion at the next meeting.

The School Cancellation policy was addressed by Dr. Ripa, specifically as to why cancellation of schools was made on a Hampshire Regional District basis, even if events did not appear to warrant cancellation in Southampton. Dr. Ripa advised that running an extra day of buses for the Regional would cost \$2,645.00 per day. In addition there are staffing issues with staff shared between the local school districts and the regional. Finally, there are concerns regarding the safety of staff living and commuting from affected areas.

Future Business


The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session

On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) 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 9:15 p.m.

At 9:20 p.m. the Committee exited Executive Session.

Adjourn: On a motion (Fitzpatrick/Carmichael) the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m..


Donald W. Noel Jr.
Secretary