

Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Hampden Academy

The Regional School Unit No. 22 Board of Directors met at Hampden Academy on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Board Chair Karen Hawkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present were: Scott Cuddy, Jayne Dyer, Lucas Flanagan, Rob Frank, Wallace Fraser, Allan Gordon, Jr., Karen Hawkes, John Holmes, Jessica King, Anthony Liberatore, DMD, Heath Miller, Mark Schmelz and Amanda Sidell.

Jessica Giles and Dakota Noonan were excused.

II. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 2017

Correction: The Board met on November 15, 2017 at Leroy H. Smith School in Winterport

Libertore moved, Fraser seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2017, as amended.

Abstain: Scott Cuddy

III. Adjustment to Agenda

None.

IV. Persons Desiring to Address the Board

Sarah Novak, resident of Hampden, spoke as a parent who has immigrant children in the RSU # 22 schools. She asked the Board for help to keep her children safe.

Donna Gilbert, resident of Winterport, and parent of RSU #22 graduates, spoke in support of RSU #22 adopting the Safe Haven Resolution.

Kimberly Hamel signed up, not present.

V. Board Chair

A. Subcommittee Assignments

Chair Hawkes spoke to the committee assignments. Board vacancy will be appointed by the Town Council, and this member will be assigned to committees once appointed.

B. Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) Request

Superintendent Lyons spoke to the recently received FOAA request. He shared a breakdown of the request's requirement for both time and costs. The facilitation and addressing of the components of the request will be addressed by employees in the RSU #22 central office and, potentially, by an employed party (part time employment to assist).

The next steps include an estimate of six to eight weeks for completion, review of district contract on copier overages, and payroll confidentiality concerning adherence to blackout of information, and safeguards.

The account number indicated is the General Fund.

VI. Personnel

A. Resignations

None.

B. Nominations

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Lyons, Libertore moved, Holmes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve:

Chad Bradbury, JV Girls Basketball Coach, Hampden Academy

12 years experience coaching Girls Varsity, JV Boys, Middle School A Boys basketball in RSU 22, and AAU basketball teams.

Stipend: \$4,039.51

VII. Superintendent of Schools

A. Reading of Essential Behaviors and Outcomes Proclamation

Board member Jayne Dyer read the Essential Behaviors and Outcomes Proclamation.

B. Smith School Presentation

Principal Dawn Moore presented on the MOMENTUM Project, a literacy and technology achievement effort. The students enjoy access to a literacy coach and 1:1 iPads. Teacher Lindsey Davis and a 1st grade student shared e-Spark videos and apps

used in the program related to their NWEA data. A teacher and a student shared the iPad's use in math for Problem of the Day and air drop of material to the teacher. Teachers shared that hearing responses from students that are airdropped is an efficient and telling way to assess progress.

Smith School is also a recipient of a grant from the FOCUS school effort in the amount of \$3,200 for math professional development for teachers.

C. Presentation by Organizations

Todd Zerfoss, Homeland Security Investigation officer in Bangor, which is the principal investigation arm of Homeland Security, spoke to the Board. Homeland Security has a focus on gang arrests, narcotics seizures, human trafficking rescues, child exploitation rescues, fines of businesses hiring illegals.

Locally, child exploitation work is prioritized. I Guardian program development for internet safety and education programs are available to local schools.

He shared that emigration removal operations are under a separate agency in Boston and chain of command from Homeland Security Investigation.

Oami Amarasingham, Advocacy Director at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maine, spoke in support of a Proposed Safe Haven Resolution due to it being welcoming and a commitment to safe atmosphere. Immigration activities in and around schools that cause angst and stress challenge and limit learning. The proposed resolution affirms schools legal obligation and clarifies staff response. Entitlement to a K-12 education is extended to all students regardless of documentation records.

D. Student Representative

Student Board Representative Lucas Flanagan reported on a survey that he shared with high school students at Hampden Academy.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Update

Assistant Superintendent Nickels reported on various school business matters, including:

- Multi Purpose Field Replacement Project Referendum Timeline and Public Forum
- Playground Safety Project and initial inspection
- State Nutrition Program Review
- FY 19 Budget Development

VIII. Questions of Board Members

Board Member Dyer complimented the drama program at Hampden Academy for their recent musical performance “In the Heights.”

Board Member Libertore shared that we have a video of the Hampden Academy girls soccer game with Camden Hills High School on YouTube. This is available for viewing and has been heavily reviewed by Hampden Academy administration.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

The turf field replacement financing project was discussed. The FY 17 audit will be reviewed at the next meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 3:30 p.m.

B. Budget Committee

None.

C. Athletic Committee

None.

D. Building Committee

None.

E. Negotiations Committee

None.

F. Education Committee

Two district science teachers presented and proposed adding a new environmental class and a new coding course. Funding may be required for a coding class.

Kelly O’Brien, Guidance Counselor, presented on the 504 programming in RSU #22. The 504 qualifications have more than doubled in RSU #22. Resources for managing the meetings, paperwork and identification are being reviewed.

Principal Bill Tracy shared the status of internships at Hampden Academy.

Report cards were discussed. There was consideration of a survey to discern what parents would like from a report card.

G. Policy Committee

Policy Committee Chair John Holmes reviewed the December 19 meeting notes. The Committee will advance two policies for second read and approval on January 3, 2018.

H. United Technologies Center Board

None.

I. Behavioral Review Committee

None.

J. Education Foundation

None.

K. SPRPCE Board

None.

L. Substance Use Committee

Chair Wally Fraser announced that the Wellness and the Substance Use Committees will merge. Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MYHIS) results will be presented in February 2018 by School Health Coordinator Brittany Layman.

M. Community Relations Committee

There was discussion of materials dissemination for board meetings and ways to improve. A public folder system is recommended to include board handouts.

Dissemination of Turf Replacement Public Forum video and slideshow was discussed.

The LINK-22 will be extended to include pages for each of our RSU #22 municipalities.

Board member biographies, individual photos and sub-committee assignment list will be updated on the district website.

X. Policy Consideration

A. Discuss and act on first reading of Policy BEA, Regular Board Meetings

Upon recommendation of the Policy Committee Libertore moved, Frank seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of Policy BEA, Regular Board Meetings, with one correction.

B. Discuss and act on first reading of Policy JFABD, Admission of Homeless Students

Upon recommendation of the Policy Committee Libertore moved, Frank seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of Policy JFABD, Admission of Homeless Students.

Vice Chair Fraser shared that the policy will help with the definition of a homeless student. The opening line of the policy recognizes that “homeless alone” is not a sufficient reason to separate students from mainstream. Questions arose around wording in the policy.

XI. Old Business

None.

XII. New Business

A. Presentation on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Every Student Succeeds Act is a shift in thinking from the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. States are given flexibility and encourages innovation. A Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) must be completed by each school and a district level CNA must be submitted as well if the school district intends to accept federal funding. The plans are expected to include 10 sections and to be 50-75 pages long when complete.

Leadership Teams for each school will be seeking a board member, community member, a parent(s), teachers, school administration, district staff, a counselor, homeless education liaison and a data administrator. Meetings are expected to begin in January 2018.

B. Discuss and Act on Representative to United Technologies Center

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Lyons, Fraser moved, Frank seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Allan Gordon, Jr., representative to United Technologies Center.

XIII. Communication and Correspondence

A. Set Meeting Dates

- Finance Committee, Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
- Wellness Committee, Monday, December 18, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
- Turf Replacement Ad-hoc Committee, Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- Building Committee, Friday, January 5, 2018 at 9:00 am
- Education Committee, Monday, January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Executive Session

None.

XV. Other Business

A. To see what action, if any, the Board wishes to take on business required by items that are part of this agenda.

Vice Chair Fraser moved, Holmes seconded, to send the Safe Haven Resolution to the Policy Committee for further discussion.

The Board voted 644 to 227 (Liberatore, Frank, Gordon) to approve. The Resolution will go back to the committee level.

XVI. Adjourn

Libertore moved, Holmes seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Richard A. Lyons, Superintendent of Schools