

**EPPING SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
EPPING TOWN HALL
JANUARY 20, 2011
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gregory Dodge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Gregory Dodge (Chair), Susan Kimball (Vice Chair), David Mylott (Member), Shawn Patton (Member), Jeffrey Harris (Member), Barbara Munsey (Superintendent), Mark Vallone (Elementary School Principal), and Kyle Repucci (Middle School and High School Principal).

In the audience were members of the middle school robotics team accompanied by their parents, along with their coach, Scott Lister (EMS/EHS Tech Ed Teacher and EMS Lego robotics team coach), Jay Sappal (assistant coach of the robotics team), and Jared Breault (EES/EMS/EHS Band Director).

II. SCHEDULED GUESTS

A. SCOTT LISTER (EMS LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS TEAM)

The Epping Middle School robotics team was present so the Board could recognize them for winning the 2010 Teamwork Award and qualifying for the State competition held at Manchester Central High School. Kyle Repucci introduced the coach, Scott Lister who, in turn, introduced four members of the team. Mr. Lister also thanked his assistant coach, Jay Sappal, and explained the requirements of the project. It is also important to note that this team won the Judge's Award in 2009, which is given to new teams who demonstrate the core values of science and technology.

B. JARED BREAUT (FIELD TRIP APPROVAL)

Jared Breault came before the Board to present and seek approval for a field trip to New York City on May 6-8, 2011. The trip would be offered to all high school band and chorus students. Mr. Breault presented the entire trip packet and a draft of the itinerary (**SEE ATTACHED**). There was some concern about one item on the itinerary, namely a Mets or Yankees baseball game, but Mr. Breault assured the Board that option would be removed. The Board also expressed that they would like to see the option of attending a Broadway show confirmed on the itinerary.

Dave Mylott made a motion to approve the high school culture trip to New York City on May 13-15. Sue Kimball seconded the motion.

Sue Kimball questioned the accuracy of the dates, which were confirmed to be May 6-8 rather than May 13-15. It was also understood that the Board will receive a copy of the final itinerary by the required deadline per policy.

Dave Mylott amended his motion to approve the high school culture trip to New York City in May. Motion carried 5:0:0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. PUBLIC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2010

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the public minutes of December 2, 2010.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

B. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2010

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of December 2, 2010.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

C. WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2010

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the work session minutes of December 2, 2010.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

D. PUBLIC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2010

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the public minutes of December 15, 2010.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

E. PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2011

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the public minutes of January 6, 2011.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

F. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2011

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of January 6, 2011.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

G. PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15, 2011

*Shawn Patton made a motion to approve the public minutes of January 15, 2011.
Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0:1 (Sue Kimball abstained).*

IV. MANIFEST

A. PAYROLL

*Sue Kimball made a motion to approve Payroll Manifest #P-15 dated January 21, 2011
in the amount of \$381,594.99. Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

*Sue Kimball made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Manifest #13 dated January 20, 2011
in the amount of \$398,500.74. Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.*

V. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. MARK VALLONE – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SEE ATTACHED)

Artist in Residence Program: *By consensus, it was decided that the final plans for the Artist in Residence mural or panels must be approved by the School Board. This decision also applies to all other such projects in any of the school buildings.*

B. KYLE REPUCCI – MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL (SEE ATTACHED)

Advanced Placement (AP) Report: Mr. Repucci presented statistics on an AP report that was formulated from results of the PSAT. A total of 42 students took the PSAT; 17 sophomores and 25 juniors. Of those who took the test, 7 of 17 sophomores and 8 of 25 juniors received scores that indicated they should consider taking one or more AP courses during their senior year. A total of six AP courses were listed and there was a “Y” in each column where the College Board felt the student has the aptitude to do very well in that class. Because successful completion of AP courses earns college credit, it can save the student/family considerable money.

France/Spain Trip: Due to jet lag, Mr. Repucci announced that he has approved Monday, May 2, 2011 as an excused day off for the foreign language students who will be returning from the 10-day trip to France and Spain on Sunday, May 1st. He also offered to have the students do a slide show presentation for the Board at a meeting following the trip, to which the Board agreed.

Penguin Plunge: Mr. Repucci reported that there are 30 high school students who have raised \$150.00 each for New Hampshire Special Olympics by participating in the Penguin Plunge at Hampton Beach on February 5, 2011. He thanked Athletic Director, Larry Averill, for organizing the student cohort from Epping High School. Mr. Repucci said that he will also be “plunging.”

Program of Studies: Mr. Repucci stated that the revised Program of Studies will be e-mailed to the Board on Monday, January 24, 2011 for approval at a February meeting. This timeframe is important because the books must be ready in time for students to register for their 2011-2012 classes in April.

Noting that many segments of the separate middle school and high school principal’s reports are often very similar, Dave Mylott requested that, in the future, Mr. Repucci combine them into one report. The Board approved this by consensus.

Dave Mylott also asked how often Lyn Ward Healy, Director of Professional Learning, will be attending School Board meetings and how frequently she will be submitting written reports. Superintendent Munsey replied that she is required to attend on a quarterly basis but will be in attendance at the next regular meeting in February with either the Guidance team or Science team. Dave indicated that he has questions and comments regarding the report the Board received tonight (SEE ATTACHED) that he would like to discuss.

VI. FACILITIES – None

VII. POLICY

- A. IHBGA – HOME, CHARTER, PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EPPING SCHOOLS – 3rd Reading

Dave Mylott asked for further explanation on some of the key points of this policy to which Superintendent Munsey replied. He noted that he did not necessary agree with some areas of the policy but didn't feel as though he had enough support from other Board members to change it.

Shawn Patton made a motion to approve Policy IHBGA. Jeff Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.

- B. EBBD – INDOOR AIR QUALITY – 3rd Reading

At the suggestion of Superintendent Munsey, this policy is on hold pending more information.

VIII. COMMENTS

- A. SCHOOL BOARD

Dave Mylott

Dave noted that the Town Hall is uncomfortably cold and requested that adequate heat be provided for the many Boards that hold their meetings there. Other Board members concurred.

Dave also reminded the public that there are open seats on several elected boards in town and encouraged everyone to do their civic duty by getting involved. The timeframe for getting your name on the March ballot is January 19 through 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2011 at Town Hall.

Shawn Patton

N/A

Sue Kimball

Sue questioned if the middle school was selling any apparel or other items this year and, if so, did any of them have the Blue Devil logo on them? The question stemmed from an old e-mail sent from Chairman Dodge to the Board whereby a parent had brought to his attention the fact that they had never had the chance to purchase anything at the middle school with the Blue Devil logo on it. Superintendent Munsey said she would check into it and report back to the Board.

Sue also asked about the policy related to the schools being closed on holidays. When schools are closed for a holiday and there are no employees working, can school-related groups or teams still use the buildings? Can outside groups or teams use the facilities? If so, does the District pay employees for coming in to shut off the alarm(s) and clean? Superintendent Munsey will look into this and report back to the Board.

Sue also requested that the topic from the meeting on January 6, 2011 regarding which groups are under the District Tax ID number, i.e. Booster Clubs, TEMPO, PTO, Project Graduation, etc., be added to the next agenda or to the outstanding items list so as not to lose track of it.

Jeff Harris

Jeff noticed from the Accounts Payable manifest that George Kimball (Facilities Director) had hired Monarch Electric to come in and perform several cost-saving measures in the buildings so he thanked George for that.

As one of the Board members who will be representing Epping in the discussions with the Newmarket School District on January 26, 2011, Jeff asked the Board for their interpretation of a “long-term” tuition agreement. The consensus was 10 years.

Jeff also confirmed the meeting on January 25, 2011 at Exeter Healthcare, sponsored by Exeter Hospital, regarding the dispute with Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield. It was also suggested that Martha Williamson (Business Administrator) contact Local Government Center to schedule a meeting with town and school employees.

Greg Dodge

Greg apologized for misspeaking at the Public Hearing on January 15, 2011 regarding the contract between Exeter Hospital and Anthem. He had said that an agreement had been reached between the two parties when, in fact, it has not. Greg reiterated that the contract ended on December 31, 2010 but a mandatory extension is in effect through March 1, 2011.

Greg also complimented both the school maintenance crew and the town employees for their excellent work with snow removal at the schools.

Greg also requested that Superintendent Munsey speak with Mr. Repucci regarding an ambulance call to school during a basketball game last evening and report back to the Board. Several people have been asking questions and Mr. Repucci was “less than impressed” with the way things were handled.

B. ADMINISTRATION**Barbara Munsey**

Barbara was pleased to announce that the drop-out rate at Epping High School has decreased significantly from an average of 13 students over the past three years to only one student for the 2009-2010 school year and that student has re-enrolled. She commended the high school Guidance Department for doing a wonderful job on alternative options for “at risk” students.

With so many facility issues pending, Barbara suggested that the meeting on February 3, 2011 focus solely on facilities. Topics will include the exterior walls that are leaking at the high school, the façade of the SAU, the fields project, etc. The Deliberative Session for the School District will be held on February 10, 2011. The Board decided to wait and see if a meeting on February 17, 2011 will be necessary. All of these were approved by consensus.

C. PUBLIC - None**IX. NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED**

- A. February 3, 2011 – Regular Meeting with focus on facilities
- B. February 10, 2011 – Deliberative Session
- C. February 17, 2011 – Regular Meeting? (not definite yet)

X. PERSONNEL – None

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II (a) (c) (e)

Chairman Dodge made a motion to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel, (c) Adverse Reputation, and (e) Legal and to adjourn immediately thereafter.

Dave Mylott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0.

Roll call vote: Mylott, Patton, Dodge, Kimball, and Harris all voted Aye.

XII. ADJOURNMENT TO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Kimball
Vice Chair/Secretary
Epping School Board

**EPPING SCHOOL BOARD
NON-PUBLIC MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2011**

The non-public meeting of the Epping School Board was called to order at 9:34 p.m. immediately following the public meeting in the Epping Town Hall. In attendance were School Board Members Gregory Dodge, Susan Kimball, David Mylott, Shawn Patton, Jeffrey Harris, and Superintendent Barbara Munsey.

Chairman Dodge and Superintendent Munsey apprised the Board of progress with an ongoing legal issue. Discussion followed, however no decisions were made.

Superintendent Munsey also brought forth a tuition request for a Fremont student who is currently attending the Sanborn Regional School District.

Greg Dodge made a motion to exit non-public session. Shawn Patton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0:0. Roll call vote: Mylott, Patton, Dodge, Kimball, and Harris all voted Aye.

The Board entered public session at 9:54 p.m.

By consensus, the Board made the decision not to accept the tuition student from Fremont.

Shawn Patton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Kimball. Motion carried 5:0:0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Kimball
Vice Chair/Secretary
Epping School Board