

EPPING SCHOOL BOARD NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Epping School Board News Corner for the January 5, 2012 School Board Meeting.

1. Guests – The Board approved the facility request for the Epping Fireman’s Association to hold a training session.
2. Financial Business – a. The Board made the decision not to add the warrant article approving a special meeting in case the Teachers’ Agreement was defeated. This decision was based on the rationale that the Board was in full support of the agreement. b. There was a discussion on the town’s decision to transfer snow plowing, sanding, and salting responsibilities to the school district next school year. The concern was that there was no written documentation regarding such responsibilities including access to salt and sand. The administration was directed to request written documentation. It was also noted that the district only budgeted for snow removal, not sanding and salting and the district budget may not be adequate. c. The Board set up a meeting prior to the public hearing on January 14th to address any petition warrant articles received and to address any action taken by the Budget Committee. d. At this time the District is projecting \$306,000 in unexpended funds and surplus revenues. Unexpended funds are due to the estimated costs in state retirement rates being more than actual cost. Excess revenues are due to kindergarten tuition, Medicaid reimbursements for special services, and one-time retirement revenue offset from the state. e. It was recommended that the district set up a meeting with ETV to review the district’s program, make suggestions for improvements, and discuss availability of resources.
3. Facilities – The Board approved an EES Facilities Space Needs Committee to review the facility needs at the elementary school and recommend a plan to address these needs. The first meeting was scheduled for January 18th.
4. Policy – Policy regarding school board operations, manifest educational hardship, and public conduct on school policy were approved. A second reading was held on policy regarding concussions and head injuries, physical examinations of students, and athletic team coaches. A discussion also took place regarding the new requirements for wellness policy development and implementation per the recently revised Minimum Standards for Public Schools. The District Wellness Committee will be reviewing policy and making recommendations for revision and implementation.
5. Next Meeting –The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 19th in the Epping Town Hall.

Epping School Board News Corner is based on draft meeting minutes and is an unofficial meeting summary. Approved meeting minutes and other district and school publications can be viewed on the Epping School District, SAU14 website at www.sau14.org. Contact information is also located on the website.

Respectfully submitted,

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