

EPHING SCHOOL BOARD NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Epping School Board News Corner for the October 20, 2011 School Board Meeting.

1. Tour & Public Hearing – The meeting began with a tour of the EES Library. At the public hearing a \$30,350 furniture donation from Criteria was approved. A floor covering for the EHS Gymnasium from Dunlap Industries at 20% cost was also approved.
2. Guests – John Houlihan was introduced as the EHS Dean of Students.
3. Principal Reports – EES Principal Mark Vallone reported that veterans have been invited to lunch during the week of Veterans Day. A modification to the grade 3-5 report card was presented with the Board requesting additional information. NECAP testing began October 4th and ended the 26th. A parent night on the new Math in Focus Program will be held on November 1st. EMS & EHS Principal Kyle Repucci reported that various technology workshops were conducted on the recent professional development day. EMS and EHS students and teachers were available to demonstrate the new Student Jotter system. This system is used primarily for electronic student portfolios, but also for communication via student/teacher pages, email, and blogs all within a safe school environment. Students reported that they will use this system for submitting college e-portfolios, checking on homework, communicating with fellow students and teachers, and more. An EMS parent survey on communication found that overwhelmingly parents preferred email followed by US Mail, the weekly school newsletter, and the parent portal. EMS also conducted NECAP consolidating testing in 4 days rather than 6 to 8 as in previous years. 43 EHS students took the PSAT. A school and district team attended a NEASC accreditation workshop in preparation for the future EMS & EHS accreditation visit. EHS is also working with Special Olympics of NH to sponsor Project Unify teams. Parent conferences will be held on November 10th for all three schools.
4. District Reports – Superintendent Barbara Munsey clarified the budget schedule. Agreements and budgets for the school and district affiliated organizations All Sports Booster Club, TEMPO, EES PTO, Epping-Newmarket Football Boosters, and Project Graduation were approved by the Board. The Business Administrator recommended locking in the fuel oil price.
5. Policy –A second reading was held on the last section of Policy I Instruction. These policies are either required by law or the NH school approval standards, or recommended by good educational practice. Policies may be viewed on www.sau14.org under School Board policy.
6. Next Meeting –The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on November 3rd in the Epping Town Hall. It will be an abbreviated meeting due to a budget work session. Budget work sessions are also scheduled for October 27th and November 10th in order to meet a Budget Committee delivery date of November 16th.

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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