

EPPING SCHOOL BOARD NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Epping School Board News Corner for the October 6, 2011 School Board Meeting.

1. Guests – Athletic Director Larry Averill reported that the fall season has been great with all sports in excellent position.
2. Financial Business – Business Administrator Martha Williamson reported that it is early, but the forecast predicts \$275,000 remaining at year end. This year the budget process was complicated by an adjusted deliberative budget, voted default budget, and state retirement changes. As a result the forecast is based on the budget adjustments made for the elimination of state contribution to retirement. The forecast is due to under-expenditures in drivers' education, new hires, special education, vocational tuition, and employee raises. The 2010-2011 financial audit has been completed with no findings. Fuel oil prices continue to be monitored.
3. Facilities – Facilities Director George Kimball reported on the projects completed and underway. The following are a few examples. The two story part of the high school has been resurfaced with insulation and stucco. The elementary school stucco has been repaired. The front entrance of the SAU office has been resurfaced and the roof repaired. Proper grounding has been installed at the high school. Roof drains and plumbing vents at the elementary school are being examined and repaired. The request for tree removal at the SAU field was reviewed and one tree was authorized for removal.
4. Technology – Technology Director Peter Gilligan requested that the EES technology position be increased to 100% due to school needs. The position has been changed to a support position making this change feasible within the budget. The request was approved.
5. Policy – The policy on substitute employees was approved. Policy regarding school and district affiliated organizations was approved. A first 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. Other – Superintendent Barbara Munsey reported that information on low cost Internet was distributed to parents. Parents received notification of the President's Back-to-School speech. An emergency planning meeting was held to discuss an emergency shelter. Training was held on workers' compensation. The NH Department of Education released information on the input and output accountability system required by school districts to demonstrate meeting adequacy as required by law. The NECAP science results were released. The results were in line with state results, but overall the state results were not good.
7. Next Meeting –The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on October 20th in the Epping Town Hall. The meeting will begin with a tour of the EES Library. A public hearing is also scheduled to accept a furniture donation.

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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