

**EPPING SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
EPPING TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 3, 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), Jeffrey Harris (Member), Brian Reed (Member), Barbara Munsey (Superintendent), and Martha Williamson (Business Administrator).

In the audience was scheduled guest, Larry Furey, and Athletic Director, Larry Averill. Jay Newman and Mark Vallone, Elementary School Principal, came in after the meeting started.

Chairman Dodge announced that he was turning the meeting over to Vice Chair Kimball due to his continued laryngitis. It is also important to note that Chairman Dodge was required to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting being held in an adjacent office; therefore he transitioned back and forth between the two meetings.

II. SCHEDULED GUESTS

A. LARRY FUREY – DONATION TO EMS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Larry Furey came to the podium and announced that several parents got together and held a Halloween dance as a fundraiser in order to donate warm-up shirts to the Epping Middle School basketball program.

Larry provided a picture of what the shirts would look like (**SEE ATTACHED**). Initially they were blue short-sleeved shirts with a white stripe around the sleeve and white “DEVILS” on the front. After speaking with Larry Averill, Athletic Director, the decision was made for the shirts to be long-sleeved and to put “BLUE DEVILS” on the front of the jersey.

Mr. Furey went on to say that a total of \$600 has been raised which would provide 30 shirts; 15 for the boy’s team and 15 for the girl’s team. The intent is for the shirts to be returned to the school’s inventory at the end of each season.

The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Furey and Mr. Newman for the generous donation and requested that Mr. Furey thank everyone involved on behalf of the Board.

Dave Mylott motioned to accept the donation from the parents for the middle school basketball warm-up jerseys; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 5:0:0.

Chairman Dodge exited the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. PUBLIC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2011

Dave Mylott made a motion to approve the public minutes of October 20, 2011; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 4:0:0.

B. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2011

Dave Mylott made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of October 20, 2011; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 4:0:0.

C. WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2011

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the work session minutes of October 27, 2011; seconded by Sue Kimball. Motion carried 4:0:0.

IV. MANIFEST

A. PAYROLL

Dave Mylott made a motion to approve Payroll Manifest #P-9 dated October 28, 2011 in the amount of \$439,655.60; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 4:0:0.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dave Mylott made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Manifest #9 dated November 3, 2011 in the amount of \$281,963.24; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 4:0:0.

V. FINANCIAL BUSINESS – None**VI. FACILITIES – None****VII. TECHNOLOGY – None**

Vice Chair Kimball announced that the agenda of tonight's meeting was kept intentionally short to make time for a budget work session and a non-meeting pursuant to teacher negotiations that would immediately following the regular meeting.

VIII. POLICYA. POLICY I – INSTRUCTION SUB-SET – 3RD READING/APPROVAL

1. IIC – INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL AND TIME SCHEDULE
2. IJ – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
3. IJK – SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (MOVIES AND VIDEOS)
4. IJL – CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES
5. IK – EARNING OF CREDIT
6. IKA – GRADING AND RECOGNITION SYSTEM
7. ICAA – INTERDISCIPLINARY CREDIT
8. IKAD – CHANGING STUDENT GRADES

9. IKB - HOMEWORK
10. IKC – GRADE REPORTING AND CLASS RANK FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
11. IKCA – VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN
12. IKE – ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS
13. IL – EVALUATION OF CURRICULAR PROGRAMS
14. ILBA – ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
15. ILBAA – HIGH SCHOOL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS
16. ILD – STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES, SURVEYS, AND RESEARCH
17. IMAB – SCHOOL STAFF TEACHING THEIR OWN CHILDREN
18. IMAH – DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
19. IMBA – DISTANCE EDUCATION
20. IMBC – HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT OPTIONS
21. IMC – CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

No revisions were made.

Dave Mylott motioned to approve the instruction policies listed above; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 4:0:0.

B. SPECIAL OLYMPICS AGREEMENT

Superintendent Munsey explained that a few people in the district have gotten together and looked into a Special Olympics team for the Epping School District. They are calling themselves the Epping Blue Devils Special Olympics New Hampshire. They are a 501c3 under the larger umbrella of Special Olympics and they plan on sponsoring a few teams in multiple sports. Superintendent Munsey has reviewed and approved their organizational criteria as required by the District. Their mission is as follows:

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes, and the community.

Barbara stated that they will have liability insurance and have provided a preliminary budget. There will be no district funding. Heidi Langlais will be serving as the liaison between the organization and the district with Kyle Repucci (Epping Middle School and High School Principal) and Courtney McFarland (Epping Middle School PE Teacher) as the back-up liaisons.

Dave Mylott expressed high regard for the organization and was pleased that they would be affiliating with the Epping School District. Barbara confirmed that School Board approval of the agreement would allow them to use school facilities, do fundraising, advertise school-sponsored or district-sponsored activities, etc.

Barbara stated that she requested that Heidi and Courtney to come to a future School Board meeting and give a presentation once they get underway.

Dave Mylott motioned to approve the agreement with the Epping Blue Devils Special Olympics New Hampshire team; seconded by Brian Reed. Motion carried 4:0:0.

Vice Chair Kimball signed the agreement on behalf of the Board.

IX. PERSONNEL – None**X. COMMENTS/OTHER****A. SCHOOL BOARD****Jeff Harris**

Jeff noted that the varsity boy's and girl's soccer teams, the varsity volleyball team, and the varsity football team all made it into the playoffs this year; however, unfortunately, all have been defeated except for the football team who will be in the semi-final game this Saturday at noon at the Exeter High School field. He encouraged all to attend.

Jeff read a press release regarding the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) Agricultural Team that received a bronze medal at the National FFA Conference. Epping High School student, Josh Boswell, was part of that team. According to Margaret Callahan, Principal of SST, there were 54,000 present for the event. Congratulations to Josh!

Jeff also announced that the federal government will be conducting the first nation-wide test of the emergency alert system on November 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. It is predicted to last up to 3½ minutes. He reminded everyone that it is only a test.

Dave Mylott

Dave made note of the unusual October snowstorm and thanked all those who were involved in making the school available to the public for taking showers during the power outages.

Brian Reed – None**Sue Kimball**

Because of the feedback, both pro and con, that the Superintendent and members of the Board received from parents regarding the decision to hold school on Monday rather than cancel as most neighboring towns did due to the snowstorm, Sue felt it was important that Superintendent Munsey provide the viewers with the rationale used in making that decision.

Barbara reviewed the entire process including all of the various people and agencies with whom she coordinated (Town Road Agent, School Facilities Department, School Technology Department, Public Service of NH, First Student, etc.). Given the fact that all schools were fully functional with heat, electricity, food, phones/computers and bus service, the decision was made to hold school. There was 85% attendance; the State requirement is 80% so the day was considered a bonafide school day. All absences were considered excused so no students were penalized for not attending.

Jeff Harris felt it would have been a good idea to use the Alert Now system on Sunday to announce that there was going to be school on Monday. In hindsight, Barbara agreed.

Chairman Dodge rejoined the meeting.

Greg Dodge – None

B. ADMINISTRATION

Martha Williamson

Martha stated that she recently received a facilities fee waiver request from the Relay for Life organization (affiliate of the American Cancer Society) to use the multi-purpose room at the elementary school on January 8, 2012 for a scrapbooking fundraiser. She confirmed that they have done this in the past and they will have the required insurance.

Greg Dodge motioned to waive the fees for the Relay for Life group on January 8, 2012; seconded by Dave Mylott. Motion carried 5:0:0.

C. PUBLIC – None

XI. NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

- November 10, 2011 – Budget Work Session at 5:30 p.m., SAU office
(This will also be posted as a non-meeting in the event one is needed for teacher negotiations)

Chairman Dodge exited the meeting.

It was decided that, per the schedule, budget books will be delivered to the Budget Committee on November 16, 2011.

- November 17, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Chairman Dodge rejoined the meeting.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II – None**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Greg Dodge motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dave Mylott. Motion carried 5:0:0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. at which time the Board entered into a budget work session followed by a non-meeting related to teacher negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Kimball
Vice Chair/Secretary
Epping School Board

**EPPING SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2011**

The work session was called to order at 7:45 p.m. immediately following the regular meeting in the Epping Town Hall. In attendance were School Board Members Gregory Dodge, Susan Kimball, David Mylott, Jeffrey Harris, and Brian Reed, Superintendent Barbara Munsey, Business Administrator Martha Williamson, and Elementary School Principal Mark Vallone.

Principal Vallone presented his budget to the Board. As a solution to his current space needs, he also presented two conceptual building plans that included a proposed modular classroom for the Board to consider. Mark also strongly advocated for a facilities use study to be conducted in his building.

Principal Vallone exited the meeting.

Superintendent Munsey reviewed the changes to the 2012-2013 budget since the last meeting.

The next budget work session will be held at the SAU office on November 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. at which time the Board entered into a non-meeting pursuant to teacher negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Kimball
Vice Chair/Secretary
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