

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
DECEMBER 1, 2011

FINANCIAL – TEACHER NEGOTIATION TEAM PROPOSAL – On Monday afternoon the Board and Teacher Negotiation Team Leaders agreed to an agreement proposal. The Teacher Team will be presenting this proposal to teachers on Thursday afternoon for a vote.

POLICY – FIRST READING – The following policies were recommended for revision by the NH School Boards Association and are subject to a first reading.

- BB – School Board Legal Status – policy revision to reflect state law requiring school boards to establish structure, accountability, advocacy, and delivery of instruction.
- BBAA – Board Member Authority – policy revision per NHSBA recommendation on authority of school board members.
- BEAB – School Board Member Use of Electronic Communication Devices During School Board Meetings – new policy per NHSBA requesting members to refrain from using electronic communication devices during meetings.
- GDS – Recognition of Bargaining Units – new policy per NHSBA reflecting state law.
- JEC – Manifest Educational Hardship – policy revision recommended by NHSBA to address time conflicts in implementing the policy.
- KFA – Public Conduct on School Property/Assaults – policy revision recommended by NHSBA to address inappropriate public conduct on school property.

OTHER – ETV – I had the opportunity to talk with the Newmarket Superintendent about their community television program. Their District like ours provides a stipend for in-school work and overseeing an ETV club. There is also a partnership with the town in which \$10,000 of the staff members salary is paid by the community television program. Broadcasting is also housed in the school district. They are also working on improving programming.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS – Per your request timelines have been added to the outstanding items list.

- Emergency shelter – December 22 emergency management meeting has been scheduled with town to obtain response on questions of responsibility.
- Athletic committee report – December 15 school board meeting agenda will include Athletic Director who will report. The school board has also appointed Sue Kimball to serve on this committee. It is recommended that this item be removed and the committee be added to the school board responsibilities that are assigned at the first meeting following elections.
- Blizzard bags – The District Leadership Team will be discussing blizzard bags. Recently there was a presentation by the Kearsarge School District for use on unanticipated school closings. The

process was quite involved requiring a lot of preparation. Londonderry School District recently instituted the use of blizzard bags on anticipated school closings such as professional development days. In response the NH Department of Education released a memorandum on November 30, 2011.

- The plan must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation.
 - Days used to pilot the system cannot be used as school days unless approved by Commissioner.
 - Procedures are not to be used on days when school was scheduled to be closed (like professional development days).
 - Procedures cannot be used to make-up lost days when school was scheduled to be closed.
 - Teachers must be available and must participate on days when plan is implemented.
 - The expectation is to have an interactive internet-based process with supplementary paper materials.
- Review of annual policy – Review is scheduled for after school board elections.
 - EHS gym broadcasting – December 1 school board agenda includes an update on status.
 - Emergency generator bids – On hold pending emergency shelter decision above.
 - Surveillance cameras – December 1 school board agenda includes an update on status.

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