

EPPING SCHOOL BOARD NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Epping School Board News Corner for the December 15, 2011 School Board Meeting.

1. Guests – The Board acknowledged Josh Boswell’s SST Team for placing third in the nation at the FAA (Future Farmers of America) convention and all the athletic teams for reaching the semifinals and football for reaching the state championship. Teachers, school staff, and parents addressed the Board about their concerns to eliminate the EES Librarian position and reduce one preschool teacher position next school year. The Board explained that the District was requested to come in with a zero budget increase due to the economy evidenced by people’s homes being taken for not paying taxes. These decisions were not made lightly and it was acknowledged that these reductions would impact student program. The Board took the administrations’ recommendations into account and ultimately made the difficult decisions.
2. Administrator’s Reports – EES Principal Vallone acknowledged the school concerts and active PTO. EES was recently visited by other schools due to the excellent literacy instruction. EMS and EHS Principal Repucci reported that EMS teachers are working on a project period integrating 21st century themes and skills and EHS teachers are working on authentic performance assessments. Superintendent Munsey reported that the 2011 District Report Card is completed. The Board approved printing the report card in the annual report.
3. Facilities & Finances – The draft warrant and public hearing presentation were reviewed. A discussion took place about an article requesting a special meeting if the teachers’ agreement article is defeated. A decision will be made at the January meeting. The Board approved posting the school district employee base/contract salaries in the annual report.
4. Policy – A second reading was held on miscellaneous policy regarding school board operations, recognition of bargaining units, manifest educational hardship, and public conduct on school policy. A first reading was held on policy regarding concussions and head injuries, physical examinations of students, and athletic team coaches.
5. Comments – The Board thanked the public and school staff members for expressing their concerns and encouraged attendance at work sessions and meetings. The Board approved and signed the default budget. The community was wished a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year.
6. Next Meeting –The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 5th 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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