

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 7:00 PM
EPPING SCHOOL BOARD
Epping Town Hall/Epping TV Channel 22/Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heather Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Chair Heather Clark, Vice Chair Ben Leavitt, Member Julie Knight, Member Jen Jacoby, Superintendent Furbush, and Business Administrator Christine Vayda

Absent: Member Robin O'Day

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SCHEDULED TOPICS

a. Fall Sports Season Review and Winter Sports Season Preview - Athletic Director Chris Goldsack

Mr. Goldsack gave an overview of the fall sports at both EMHS and EES. He discussed the number of students who competed on each team as well as the number of sportsmanship issues and injuries. He also spoke about the current coaching situations for each of the teams. He discussed the upcoming winter sports season for EES and EMHS. He provided the number of students who have signed up for each sport.

Heather asked if there are enough students to have a JV and Varsity team for girls and boys basketball. Mr. Goldsack said they do not, and girls basketball will only have a Varsity team. Julie asked if there will be two middle school basketball teams due to the high number of students signed up. Mr. Goldsack said that they will not have two teams since they will have 15 student athletes on the roster. Ben asked if it would be possible to have two teams of 10 athletes. Mr. Goldsack said that it would be difficult due to issues with scheduling gym time, transportation, and injuries/illnesses throughout the season. There was a discussion about how to eliminate the need for cutting students from middle school basketball. There was also a discussion about the sports schedules and transportation.

b. Budget Update - Superintendent Bill Furbush

Superintendent Furbush discussed warrant articles with the Board. They discussed which warrant articles need to be prepared and created. They discussed warrant articles regarding the Paraprofessional contract and the capital reserve. The Board also discussed increasing the School Board stipends to match the Board of Selectmen stipends.

Julie asked for an update on the School Board meeting locations. Superintendent Furbush spoke about the purchase of some new equipment and the ongoing testing of the media center as a viable meeting location.

POLICY

a. ACN - Nursing Mothers Accommodations (New) - 1st Read

There was a brief discussion about the policy and some proposed changes. This policy was moved to a 2nd/3rd read at the next meeting.

PERSONNEL

a. Nomination of Sara Cantrell, Interim Curriculum, Data, and Assessment Coordinator

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept the nomination of Sara Cantrell as the Interim Curriculum, Data, and Assessment Coordinator. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

REPORTS

a. Student Reports

None

b. Principal Reports

None

c. Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Furbush noted that the State Primary has been scheduled for a school day. In order to accommodate this the O'Day Gymnasium would be used as the location for the Primary. Talks are ongoing with the Town to figure out the best solution.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS & DISTRICT SERVICES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Non-Public Meeting Minutes November 2, 2023

Member Julie Knight made a motion to approve the non-public meeting minutes of November 2nd, 2023 as written. Seconded by Vice Chair Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

b. Public Meeting Minutes November 2, 2023

Member Julie Knight made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2nd, 2023 as written. Seconded by Vice Chair Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

MANIFEST

a. Payroll deposited on August 18th, 2023

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Payroll deposited on August 18th, 2023 in the amount of \$201.30. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

b. Payroll deposited on September 1st, 2023

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Payroll deposited on September 1st, 2023 in the amount of \$513.32. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

c. Payroll deposited on November 9th, 2023

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Payroll deposited on November 9th, 2023 in the amount of \$888,598.82. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

d. Accounts Payable deposited on November 3rd, 2023

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Accounts Payable deposited on November 3rd, 2023 in the amount of \$131,164.93. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

BOARD COMMENTS/OTHER

a. Board Comments

Ben asked when the final round of results from the water testing will be received. Christine said the samples were submitted and they are just waiting for the state to send the results. Ben congratulated all of the sports teams on their accomplishments and also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Christine added comments from Robin. Robin wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

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Heather mentioned the upcoming school play and said she is looking forward to attending a performance.

NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

a. December 7, 2023

NONPUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II Non-Public Meeting **is scheduled** for November 16, 2023 after the public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to enter a non-public meeting and to adjourn thereafter at 8:29 pm. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Wilkins

School Board Secretary