

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Budget Session 6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**EPPING SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Epping Town Hall/ Epping TV Channel 22/Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Vice Chair Ben Leavitt, Member Robin O'Day (virtual), Member Julie Knight, Member Jen Jacoby, Superintendent Furbush, and Business Administrator Christine Vayda.

Chair Heather Clark, Student Carly Sanborn, and Student Jacob Twombly were absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**SCHEDULED TOPICS**

a. Positive Action Presentation - Sarah Wagner and Julie Kratimenos

Sarah and Julie spoke about the implementation of the Positive Action Plan from Pre-K to Grade 12. Teachers have been getting the needed support to get the plan up and running, and many are excited to see the students making positive connections. All students at the Elementary School are receiving Positive Action Lessons. All of the grades at EMHS are also receiving Positive Action Lessons with the exception of the morning SST students due to a scheduling conflict. Over the first month, teachers will rate their students to establish a baseline and then another rating will take place in May to see the growth of the students. The hope is to present this data before the start of the next school year to help identify areas where adjustments are needed. The current subscription for the curriculum is for five years; this year is year two. Student feedback is being taken into account to see if the subscription will be extended beyond five years. Requests for co-teaching/observing the lessons were more frequent at the start of the year but have become fewer as the teachers get more used to the curriculum. Some of the themes/topics covered in the curriculum are as follows: Self-Concept, Physical Well Being, Intellectual Well Being, Positive Action in Social Situations, and Self-Management. The Special Education students are also receiving the Positive Action Lessons.

Robert Hodgman asked how many kits were purchased for each grade with the initial funding. Sarah and Julie explained that if there were four fourth grade teachers, they purchased four kits - one kit for each teacher.

Sarah and Julie also spoke about the upcoming Parent Nights, the first will be a movie screening of "Screenagers: The Next Chapter" and the second will feature Lynn Lyons, who creates workshops focused on anxiety and similar issues.

b. Principal Reports - Chris Mazzone and Jill Lizier

At EES, the Halloween celebration was a very positive experience, and everyone was happy and excited to be a part of it, especially the costume parade through EMHS. It was a great event to help build a sense of community. The second school-wide meeting was held and each classroom nominated a student to be recognized for demonstrating one of the work-study skills. Student-led conferences are coming up, and the schedule may be adjusted for future conference days based on feedback from the parents. The Veteran's Day celebration is coming up and will include lunch with their family members and an assembly after. The EES Student Council raised over \$2,000 to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

**POLICY**

a. BEDH - Public Comment and Participation at Board Meetings - 2nd/3rd Read

The policy was changed to make public comments available to all who participate in the meeting both physically and virtually.

**Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept Policy BEDH - Public Comment and Participation at Board Meetings as presented. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby.**

**Vote: 4-0. Motion carries.**

**PERSONNEL**

a. EES Teacher Rebekah Hicks request for maternity leave

**Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept Rebecca Hicks' request for maternity leave. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. Vote: 4-0. Motion carries.**

**REPORTS**

a. Student Reports

None

b. Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Furbush reiterated that student-led conferences are coming up and that they do encourage the students to attend. He mentioned how impressed he was with every student that participated in the Halloween celebration, and also thanked the PTO for all of their hard work that went into organizing a successful Trunk or Treat. He is looking forward to the Veteran's Day lunch and assembly, and he welcomed any Veteran wishing to attend to do so. He also encouraged everyone to attend the screening of "Screenagers".

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS & DISTRICT SERVICES**

a. Financial Report

Christine spoke about the upcoming budget meetings. She also mentioned that the year end and quarterly reports are available online for anyone who wishes to view them. The reports

are uploaded to the website after they are presented to the Board. She also spoke about HB-1221 which will have the State give back 7.5% of the District's NH Retirement money from last year's expenditures. This is a one time payment only. The intent is not for the money to be spent, but for it to be given back at the end of the year.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **a. Public Minutes of October 20, 2022**

**Member Jen Jacoby made a motion to approve the Public Minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting as written. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. Vote: 4-0. Motion carries.**

### **MANIFEST**

#### **a. Payroll deposited on October 14, 2022**

**Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept the Payroll deposited on October 14, 2022 in the amount of \$282,762.31. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.**

#### **b. Payroll deposited on October 28, 2022**

**Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept the Payroll deposited on October 28, 2022 in the amount of \$282,007.79. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.**

#### **c. Accounts Payable deposited on October 21, 2022**

**Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable deposited on October 21, 2022 in the amount of \$251,902.11. Seconded by Member Jen Jacoby. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.**

### **BOARD COMMENTS/OTHER**

Member Julie Knight spoke about the previous discussion regarding the payment schedule for the 8th grade class trip. She stated that no further communication has been sent out to parents. She also asked about any updates with the school calendar. Superintendent Furbush said there are ongoing meetings, and he should be able to provide more updates in the near future. Julie also asked if there was any update on the safety window in the vestibule. Superintendent Furbush said it has been discussed at the Emergency Management Meeting. There is a willingness to explore the idea, but there is some concern on the price.

Member Jen Jacoby said that she really enjoyed attending the Monster Mash event.

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt said he also enjoyed the Monster Mash event and apologized to anyone who he may have scared. He is looking forward to all of the upcoming events where the students have an opportunity to interact with the community.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED**

a. November 17, 2022 regular meeting

NONMEETING is **scheduled** for November 3, 2022 following the public meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Jen Jacoby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. Vote: 4-0. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Wilkins

School Board Secretary