

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 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 Robin O'Day, Member Julie Knight, Member Jen Jacoby, Superintendent Furbush, Business Administrator Christine Vayda, and Student Landon Toomire

Absent: Student Jacob Twombly

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SCHEDULED TOPICS

a. Paraprofessional Calendar 2024-25

There was a brief discussion about the in-service days that the Paraprofessionals chose. Julie noted that this calendar includes the same number of days worked as the previous calendar.

Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional Calendar for 2024-25. Seconded by Vice Chair Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

POLICY

a. JKAA - Use of Restraints and Seclusion - 2nd/3rd Read

b. JKAA-R - Use of Restraints and Seclusion - Form - 2nd/3rd Read

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Policy JKAA - Use of Restraints and Seclusion and Form JKAA-R as written. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

PERSONNEL

a. Nomination of Director of Student Services Sarah Howard

Superintendent Furbush thanked everyone involved in the process of finding and selecting a candidate for this position.

Member Julie Knight made a motion to accept the nomination of Director of Student Services Sarah Howard. Seconded by Vice Chair Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

- b. Resignation of EMHS Special Education Teacher Cheryl Wisminiti
Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept the resignation of EMHS Special Education Teacher Cheryl Wisminiti. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

- c. Resignation of EES UA Science Teacher Emily Hartzell
Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept the resignation of EES UA Science Teacher Emily Hartzell. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

- d. Resignation of EES Digital Learning Specialist Leanne Chauvette
Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept the resignation of EES Digital Learning Specialist Leanne Chauvette. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

- e. Teacher Nominations List for 2024-25
Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept the Teacher Nominations List for 2024-25 in its entirety. Seconded by Member Robin O'Day. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

Heather requested an update on the current number of vacant/posted positions. Superintendent Furbush said he will have that information at the next meeting.

REPORTS

a. Student Reports

Landon gave an overview of what different classes are currently working on. He gave an overview of the recent and upcoming extracurricular activities. He also mentioned the upcoming Student Led Conferences.

b. Principal Reports

None

c. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Furbush thanked the custodians, buildings & grounds crews, Technology Department, administrators, and everyone who stepped up with their help during the recent snow storm. He also spoke about the success of the eclipse viewing with staff, students, and families. He noted that the football agreement between Epping and Newmarket has been updated. The biggest change is the increase to the dollar amount that Newmarket will be responsible for.

Julie asked how much the total cost of the football program is per year. Superintendent Furbush said he believes it is around \$60,000 per year. He also explained that going forward, the amount each school is responsible for will be based on student participation. Christine gave an

overview of the expenses from previous years. There was further discussion about facility upgrades, the timing of future agreements, budgets, and fundraisers.

Member Robin O’Day made a motion to accept the Epping-Newmarket Cooperative Football Agreement for 2024-2026 with the proposed changes. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 4-0-1. Motion carries.

d. Committee Reports

Budget

Robin said the first meeting is coming up, but it is for reorganization; therefore, she will not be attending.

Policy

None

Teacher Negotiations

None

Wellness

None

Emergency Management

Heather said they had their first meeting and had some excellent discussions. The tabletop exercise is coming up in June.

Fields & Facilities

None

Safety

None

School Board Association

None

SST

Superintendent Furbush said there have been discussions about adding Electrical Engineering to the program. Heather mentioned the upcoming scholarship awards night.

Selectmen

Heather noted that there were questions about the decision to move the voting location to the O’Day Gymnasium. She explained that it was for the safety of students and staff.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS & DISTRICT SERVICES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public Meeting Minutes March 21, 2024

Member Robin O'Day made a motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes from March 21st, 2024 as corrected. Seconded by Vice Chair Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

b. Non-Public Meeting Minutes March 21, 2024

Member Julie Knight made a motion to approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes from March 21st, 2024 as written. Seconded by Vice Chair Ben Leavitt. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

MANIFEST

a. Accounts Payable deposited on March 22, 2024

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Accounts Payable deposited on March 22, 2024 in the amount of \$191,918.43. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

b. Payroll deposited on March 29, 2024

Vice Chair Ben Leavitt made a motion to accept Payroll deposited on March 29, 2024 in the amount of \$386,700.53. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

BOARD COMMENTS/OTHER

a. Board Comments

Jen asked for an update on the K-8 Student Assistant Coordinator position at the next meeting.

Julie asked for a timeline for when they will be testing the new meeting location. Superintendent Furbush said they were not pleased with some of the cameras, so they are waiting on outside support for recommendations.

Christine thanked everyone for stepping up to help out with the recent winter storm.

Heather asked to add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss forgiving snow days for students. She also thanked the administrative teams for putting on some great watch parties.

NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

a. April 18, 2024

NONPUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II Non-Public Meeting **is scheduled** for April 9, 2024 before the public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to re-enter the Non-Public Meeting and adjourn thereafter at 7:48 pm. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Wilkins

School Board Secretary