

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Kim Shillieto; Board Members Rick Christoffersen, Alice Rocke, April Hibbard; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Tina Peabody; Principal Benjamin Jellison; NHSBA Executive Director Ted Comstock; Staff Member Jennifer Opalinski; Student Representatives Macie Opalinski, Annabelle Boyer, Tom Oliver, Isabel Holmes, Carter Merrill, Jacie Webb.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Shillieto.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ted Comstock, Executive Director of the NHSBA (NH School Boards Association) is here this evening for a special reason and well-kept secret; the presentation of a NHSBA Scholarship. Mr. Comstock briefed the Board on the history of the scholarship awards by NHSBA. Mr. Comstock read a letter of recommendation for the recipient from one of his teachers to provide the Board additional background on this particular student. Following his remarks, Mr. Comstock announced that one of the recipients of the NHSBA Scholarships for the class of 2017 is Carter Merrill presenting him with a certificate and a check for \$1,000.00. Carter is the son of School Board Member Dr. Alice Rocke.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Annabelle Boyer and Macie Opalinski briefed the Board on their recent participation in a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Conference in Concord providing an overview of many aspects of the conference and the knowledge they gained from this experience. They also briefed the Board on their attendance at the Special Olympics State Tournament. Two Profile students competed in the games and were thrilled to have a cheering section of other students on their behalf.

Tom Oliver updated the Board on happenings at Profile. The Unified Sports day will be on May 24th. There are approximately one hundred students from various schools who will be on hand to participate in games in several venues. Classes at Profile will be dismissed for the afternoon to afford all students the chance to see and cheer for the participants. These games are a way of showcasing students of varied abilities and create incredible memories.

Tom Oliver advised the Board that the YLTA will be housing the sixth grades from Bethlehem and Lafayette at Copper Cannon Camp tomorrow at a "get acquainted" program prior to their entering grade 7 at Profile School. They have organized several activities to for this purpose.

Tom Oliver advised the Board that on May 24th in the evening there will be a Youth Summit on Substance Abuse Problems. This will acquaint participants with the problems in our area; make them aware of what to look for; and, teach how individuals must take ownership for their actions.

Isabel Holmes requested permission to ask the Board a question. She is seeing input into the criteria to be the class Salutatorian. Principal Jellison advised Ms. Holmes of the appropriate Chain of Command for questions of this nature reminding her that they have an appointment to discuss this issue tomorrow morning.

NORTH COUNTRY WORKSPACE EDUCATION PRESENTATION – JENNIFER Opalinski

Profile Internship Coordinator for the North Country Workplace initiative, Jennifer Opalinski, appeared before the Board to update them on the internship program. She also introduced Jacie Webb who will report on her internship program with Dr. Umashankar, a neurologist at Littleton Regional Healthcare.

Mr. Opalinski briefed the Board on the Advisory Council of the North Country School to Work Program of which she is a member in her capacity as coordinator of Profile's Internship Program. Ms. Opalinski brief on the makeup and frameworks of the council and their development of the internship programs. Currently there are

seventeen junior and senior students from Profile participating in individual internship programs. Each student must complete 135 hours to receive credit for their internship. There are many internships provided by several local entities such as Beech Hill Automotive, New England Electric Wire Company, Inc., Littleton Hospital, and many others.

Jacie Webb will brief the Board on her internship with Dr. Umashankar, a local neurologist. Jacie advised that she shadowed Dr. Umashankar two to three times weekly observing his contact with patients, discussing their particular conditions, testing, and prescribed treatment. On several occasions she got to interact with the patients. Jacie advised the Board that she found the experience highly rewarding and this experience is helping her make the decision to further her education in the medical field specifically in neurology.

Ms. Opalinski concluded her presentation by advising the Board that there would be many more students participating in this program if we could work out some forms of transportation. Currently students who can drive themselves or whose parents can provide the needed transportation are the majority of participants.

The Board thanked her and Jacie for their presentations and they left the meeting.

MOTION BY RICK CHRISTOFFERSEN, SECONDED BY ALICE ROCKE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8 AND APRIL 11, 2017 MEETINGS AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that the proposed change in the start of school for Profile students for the 2017-2018 school year will not be happening. School Boards from Lafayette and Bethlehem as well as Profile would be required to approve this concept as all are affected. The Bethlehem School Board voted not to support this concept at this time as it involved lengthening the day at BES by fifteen minutes which would cost the District an additional +/- \$8,000.00 in paraprofessional salaries which the Board felt they could not approve.

Superintendent Couture thanked the Board members in attendance at the SAU Full Board May meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The presentation by our Speech/Language Pathologist (SLP) Sheryl Moghari was well received by those in attendance. It is important that Board members understand the responsibilities of the Speech/Language Pathologist and the Speech/Language Assistants and the work they do with our students. Sheryl's presentation was very informative and well received by all.

Superintendent Couture briefed the Board on the status of Adequacy Aid at the current time. The Kindergarten bill should be on its way to the governor for his signature. Approval of this results in an additional \$1,750.00 in Kindergarten aid for participating districts.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that as the house did not pass the Governor's Budget, it is now in the hands of the senate. A motion has been made to the senate to freeze the 4% decrease proposed in the stabilization portion of Adequacy Aid. There is hope that this will pass the senate. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that it appears that the Professional Development Day held on May 12 at Profile and Lafayette pertaining to PACE Assessments and double scoring was a resounding success. Ellen Hume Howard worked with professional staff members from grades 2-12 at Profile and two additional representatives from Sanborn Regional School District worked with the K-2 staff members at Lafayette.

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of the NHSAA Champions for Children program from the presentation on Friday, May 12, 2017. Superintendent Couture wanted to share this with the Board as he found the Champions for Children nominees from the various areas of the state to be extremely dedicated to the children statewide. The state wide winner, Tara Holmes Ball of the South East Region received an award of \$2,500.00 to use in her program, Connors Climb. A brief discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS – None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Jellison called the Board's attention to his written report which was included in their agenda packets. If there are any questions please let him know.

Principal Jellison advised the Board that the National Honor Society induction Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Principal Jellison advised the Board that the Spring Arts Festival is tomorrow evening, May 19th. The Art Show will begin at 6:00 PM and the Spring Concert at 7:00 PM.

Principal Jellison advised the Board that the Sports Awards will be held on June 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Principal Jellison advised the Board that a fund raiser has begun for the Galligan Family following the death of Cathy Galligan, a paraprofessional at Profile School. She had recently adopted two rescue dogs and the monies will be used for a fence for their yard.

Principal Jellison advised the Board that hiring has begun to fill the vacancies for next year. He is seeking a Board member to participate on the committee for this purpose.

Principal Jellison advised the Board that the music position has been split into two positions for the upcoming year and applicants are being sought for a full time General/Instrumental Music Teacher and a part-time Choral Instructor.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Rick Christoffersen advised the Board that he has been acquainting himself with the group of policies remaining for the current year and has now received the NHSBA Spring Policy Update. He plans to work over the summer and have policies on tap for first reading at the August meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$357,337.16

Business Manager Peabody advised the Board that their electric rate contract will expire in November. She has solicited and received bids for this purpose and copies of the results were distributed for Board information and review. The low bidder is ENH at a cost per kWh of \$0.07500 for 36 months and Ms. Peabody recommends awarding to them. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY APRIL HIBBERD, SECONDED BY ALICE ROCKE TO AWARD THE ELECTRIC CONTRACT TO ENH AT A COST PER KWH OF \$0.07500 FOR THIRTY SIX MONTHS AS RECOMMENDED AND TO AUTHORIZE MS. PEABODY TO SIGN SAID CONTRACT. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED. Alice Rocke requested that Ms. Peabody provide the Board with actual dollar figures for this including what billings is what they will be and the savings.

NEW BUSINESS

Alice Rocke asked how many students have been confirmed from Concord, VT for the 2017-2018 school years. Principal Jellison advised that they believe there will be four students but no one has officially enrolled as yet.

Alice Rocke asked if any middle school students have been withdrawn as yet in order to attend private school. Principal Jellison advised that as of today, none have been removed.

Alice Rocke went back to the earlier discussion this evening pertaining to transportation for the internship program and wondered if it would be possible to utilized funds from Gifted and Talented for this purpose. Perhaps utilizing Uber or a taxi company. A brief discussion ensued.

Alice Rocke addressed Principal Jellison as to what he feels have been his strongest accomplishments since taking over as Principal at Profile and what he has considered his biggest challenge? Principal Jellison advises that the he feels that the return of the Student Council to afford students a voice has been his strongest accomplishment and as for his biggest challenge, he would definitely say personnel. Principal Jellison feels that he is "over the hump" on personnel and heading in the right direction.

MOTION BY ALICE ROCKE, SECONDED BY APRIL HIBBERD TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:35PM PER RSA 91A:3 I, II TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ANDSTUDENT ISSUES TAKING SUPERINTENDENT COUTURE, BUSINESS MANAGER PEABODY, PRINCIPAL JELLISON. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RICK CHRISTOFFERSEN, SECONDED BY APRIL HIBBERD TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:50 PM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RICK CHRISTOFFERSEN, SECONDED BY ALICE ROCKE TO APPROVE THE SUPPORTSTAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AS RECOMMENDED (COPY ATTACHED FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY ALICE ROCKE SECONDED BY RICK CHRISTOFFERSEN TO ADJOURN AT 6:52 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk