

**Southampton School Committee Minutes**  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
Richard Dragon Library-William E. Norris School  
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order:  
Chair Couture called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm  
Present: Erin Couture, Kathy Saltis, Virginia Ahart, Doreen Bashista, Gregory Bennett, Superintendent Osborne, Principal Pluta, Nancy Parlaulkulas, Director of Pupil Services, Bobbie Jones, Business Manager.  
Absent: None
- II. Routine Matters:  
A. Public Comment:  
B. Approval of minutes:  
    a. December 17, 2018  
        A motion was moved by Ms. Ahart and seconded by Ms. Bashista to approve the minutes from December 17, 2018. It was a unanimous affirmative vote.  
C. Circulation of Warrants: The warrants were circulated.  
D. Visitors: none  
E. Tiger Talk – to go out early February. Ms. Ahart indicated she does not seem to receive it.  
F. Correspondence: none  
G. Other: none
- III. Principal's Report:  
  - Access testing for our ELL students began January 11.
  - We received 40 stocked Go Buckets through donations from Home Depot, Tighe and Bond, The Lion's Club, Fleury Lumber, and Costco. I'd like to thank Officer Scott Gove for the work he put into acquiring these buckets for us.
  - We were lucky to receive the Mass Cultural Council STARS Residency Grant and Motoko will be coming to each of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes over a 6 week period. Students will be writing folktales and purquoi stories. Projects will be presented at an assembly February 13<sup>th</sup> for classmates and families. This project aligns with our narrative writing/editing/language standards
  - Grade 5 students will be going on a field trip to Big Y. Each child will have \$20.00 to spend. Students will learn how to manage their money and will learn about nutrition. Students will purchase \$20.00 worth of food and all food will be donated to the Southampton Community Cupboard.
  - Grade 3 visited the Springfield Science Museum on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Professional Development was held on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Teachers continued to work in their Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) in the morning and listened to a presentation from Lynn Lyons in the afternoon. The presentation focused on Managing Anxiety at School: Strategies to Interrupt the Worry Cycle.
- IV. Superintendent's Report:  
  - Continuing efforts to be visible at schools and meeting with Principals and visiting classrooms.
  - Continuing to meet with school committee, staff and community members as part of the Entry Plan.
  - Attended 5<sup>th</sup> of 8 New Superintendent Induction Program workshop.
  - Rural schools "Day On The Hill" is scheduled for February 7th. Planning to take 2-3 students and Principal McMillan to knock on doors and solicit support.
  - State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa to visit Norris as well as Westhampton and HRHS on February 11, 2019.
- V. Budget:  
A. FY 2019  
    Business Manager Jones discussed the budget. There was a need for additional money for SPED to cover some OOD placements.  
    There were line transfers in the amount of \$47,726.

A motion was moved by Ms. Saltis and seconded by Ms. Ahart to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$47726. It was a unanimous affirmative vote.

- B. FY2020  
Administration collectively shared the need and budget impacts of developing a Language-Based program within the school.
- C. Capital Improvements: The Town is looking at the possibility of grouping all of the Town's capital needs into one major effort in May so the Select Board can consider options. A bond of some sort if an option for this.
- D. School Choice Update: Principal shared an update, pointing out that there were no changes. It was inquired when the vote for school choice would occur and Superintendent Osborne indicated that while the requirement was that the vote must occur by May 1<sup>st</sup>, it could happen in March if the Committee wished. It was agreed to put this on the March Agenda.

VI. Items Requiring Action: none

VII. Policy:

- A. Policy EFD Food Services Accounts – it was agreed that this would be considered a first reading of the policy as other Towns had thoughts and edits to make.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Reports:

- A. PTO – Ms. Bashista shared that they are planning a golf outing to be sponsored by PTO or SSYA. They have renamed the “Adventure Fund” to the “Field Trip Fund”. They are planning a Valentine's Day event on February 13 with cookie decorating and arts & crafts. There will be a Red Robin fundraiser coming up.
- B. CES – Has not met since the last meeting, but will meet next week and Ms. Ahart will have information at the next meeting. However, Ms. Ahart shared that there is a library program in the works for the region and information will be sent out.
- C. School Council – has not met.
- D. Hampshire Regional School Committee: Mr. Bennett shared that State Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa came to the last meeting and answered questions. The MHS has hired a new Chemistry teacher. The Committee reviewed the same Food Services Accounts policy and discussed the “Hidden In Plain Sight” program taking place the week of January 28.
- E. Administrative Advisory: Chair Couture reported the AA has not met since the last SC Meeting; they meet on the 28th.
- F. Union 66 – none.

X. Ongoing Items: none

XI. Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30, 21A (2): Negotiations and Collective Bargaining with Teachers & Legal Matters.

XII. Adjourn:

A motion was moved by Ms. Saltis and seconded by Mr. Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm and enter Executive Session, not to return to Open Session.

Roll Call vote: Couture; Aye, Ahart; Aye, Bashista; Aye, Saltis; Aye, and Bennett Aye.

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Aaron Osborne*

**Documents reviewed at this meeting:**

Principals Report

Superintendents Report

School Enrollment January 2019

Central Office Funding Presentation