

To: Hope School Committee
From: Kathryn Clark, Superintendent

Re: Regular School Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Tim Lock, Chair; Emily Burgess, Vice Chair; Jude Masseur; Jacob Eichenlaub and Crystal Robinson. Also in attendance: Kate Clark, Superintendent and Danielle Fagonde, Principal.

1. Tim Lock called the meeting to order at 6PM.
2. Public Comment-
 - a. Victoria Buckland, Appleton resident, made a statement about vaccination clinics. Mrs. Buckland shared statistics about the number of children in Maine who have gotten sick and/or died from COVID. Mrs. Buckland shared her research on vaccinations and natural immunity and GMOs in vaccines.
 - b. Crystal Robinson, Hope resident and Board member, commented on our common commitment to the Constitution and a class she is offering at her home.
3. Adjustments to the agenda-add discussion of indoor sports guidelines.
4. Board members reviewed and signed AP and Payroll warrants at the Board meeting. The Board discussed the efficiencies of requiring in person signatures as requested by the Select Board. The Board also asked for a review of the financials and/or any unusual items.
5. Tim Lock moved to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Jude Masseur. Vote: 5-0 in favor, motion carried. Tim Lock moved to accept the October 19, 2021 special school committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jacob Eichenlaub. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstention, motion carried. Tim Lock moved to accept the November 4, 2021 Emergency Meeting minutes seconded by Emily Burgess.. Vote: 5-0 in favor, motion carried.
6. Mrs. Fagonde reviewed the updated Indoor sports guidelines as suggested by the Health and Safety Team. Most schools in the area are not requiring masking for students who are vaccinated and/or participating in pool testing during play on the court. The Hope Health and Safety Team recommends masking during play, however. Mrs. Fagonde asked the Board to weigh in on this decision. The Board also discussed the pros and cons of implementing pooled testing. Emily Burgess moved to amend the indoor sports guidelines to read: "Masking is not required during activities, practice or

games, of athletes and referees. Masking is required for athletes at all other times.” This motion was seconded by Jude Masseur. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstention, motion passed.

7. Jacob Eichenlaub moved to approve the proposed change in calendar due to Juneteenth Holiday observation on June 20th, 2022, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, motion passed.
8. Jude Masseur moved to approve the emergency management plan update, with the added revision of correcting Tim Lock’s phone number, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 5-0 in favor, motion carried.
9. Resignation/Nominations-none
10. Superintendent’s Report-see attached
 - a. Financials
11. Principal’s Report-see attached
 - a. COVID/Safety Team Update-see item #6
 - b. Facilities update: the current boiler is being maintained while we wait for parts to arrive. Emergency lights must be replaced in the hallways and the gym. Because the lights are so old, we cannot replace the bulbs, so this will be a significant job. Work is completed on the PreK deck and ramp. The facilities team will work to pull together a list of items that need to be replaced over the next five years. Crystal Robinson reported on the possibility of using EMF meters to assess the output of electromagnetic fields in the building. Crystal has been in contact with a journalist, Hillary Lister, who is not certified, but is very knowledgeable and willing to provide this service free of charge.
12. Review and Finalize School Committee Goals
 - a. improving communication as well as family and community involvement in school board meetings.

Action steps:

 - i. Get links on the town website
 - ii. Research ways to increase access to school board meetings
 - b. Ensure that the Board is seeking opportunities to better understand equity, diversity and inclusion at HES.
 - i. Cultural Competency Institute updates from Ms. Fagonde and Kate Clark
 - ii. Update on staff training on LGBTQ from Out Maine
 - c. Facilities and capital improvements

Action steps:

 - I. Examine and plan for diverse needs for space
 - ii. plan and budget for multi year facility improvements

- d. Researching ways to maintain a healthy indoor environment for learning
 - i. Collect empirical data on indoor environmental factors
 - ii. Have the facilities subcommittee look at a protocol and possible ways of measuring environmental factors.

13. Items for the Next Agenda. Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

- a. Budget timeline update
- b. First reading of Policy GBGB: Workplace Bullying
- c. Facility discussion of wish list of items that need to be repaired or replaced for cost estimator.
- d. Discuss date of potential EMF testing

14. Jude Masseur moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 4-0 in favor, 1 abstention, motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Clark', written in a cursive style.

Kate Clark