

**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
New Boston, New Hampshire 03070**

**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM**

**New Boston Central School Gymnasium
15 Central School Road, New Boston, NH 03070**

PRESENT

SCHOOL BOARD

Kary Jencks
Wendy Lambert
Bill Schmidt
Sam Perron
Rob Witt

ADMINISTRATORS

Brian Balke, Superintendent
Tori Underwood, Principal
John Bridle, Assistant Principal
Jennifer Gilliland, Special Education Facilitator

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

Kary Jencks called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance according to District Board Organizational Meeting policy. Please note that the public can access this live meeting by either attending in-person, viewing it via a “live-stream” link on the New Boston Central School website, or by calling into a telephone conference bridge line at 603-766-5646 (Participant Code 774965).

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APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AND OCTOBER 5, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wendy Lambert moved to approve the September 22, 2021 School Board meeting minutes as presented. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then reviewed the September 8, 2021 School Board meeting minutes and made no changes. *The motion carried. (5-0)*

Wendy Lambert moved to approve the October 5, 2021 School Board meeting minutes as presented. Rob Witt seconded the motion. The Board then reviewed the October 5, 2021 School Board meeting minutes and made the following change:

Heading: Remove Bill Schmidt from attendance

Wendy Lambert moved to approve the October 5, 2021 School Board meeting minutes as amended. Rob Witt seconded the motion. The motion carried. (4-0-1 Bill Schmidt abstained)

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kary noted the Board always welcomes public comment and feedback. There are two opportunities for public comment, one at the beginning of the meeting and then another at the end. Anyone with a comment is asked to state their name and address for the record and that comments be respectful and thoughtful. The Board will listen, but public comment is typically not a back and forth. Public Comment will no longer be accepted through e-mail and e-mails will not be included in the minutes, they will be included in Correspondence. Many residents contact the Board via e-mail and all e-mails are forwarded to the full Board who all review the e-mails and thank any participants for sending them. Public Comment will be done during the public meeting through a sign up procedure. Under Board policy, ten minutes are allotted for Public Comment. E-mails are not checked during the meeting to allow all participants to concentrate fully on the meeting. For any comments, please attend this meeting. Seeing none, Kary closed the first session.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCIALS

MANIFEST AND VOUCHERS

Brian reported Business Administrator Scott Gross e-mailed the manifest summary sheets to the Board earlier this week. The Board reviewed the October 13, 2021 manifest summary sheet. *Wendy Lambert moved to approve the October 13, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$499,756.94. Rob Witt seconded the motion. The motion carried. (5-0)* The Board signed the Manifest documents.

CIP LISTING INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF PORTABLES

Brian reviewed an overview of the town CIP process and distributed a list of capital projects for NBCS. The only item the School District has on the CIP Schedule is a four-classroom addition that has been planned for years. All other capital project items are considered general maintenance. Business Administrator Scott Gross plans to attend the next CIP Committee meeting along with Bill who is serving as the School Board representative on the CIP Committee.

Bill reported he presented the addition at last week's CIP meeting along with the idea that the District has a plan and to get guidance on what to do with it. There are some large items on the list that may need to be added to the CIP Schedule as they cost more than the Building and Renovation CRF and 2.5% Contingency Fund contain such as parking lot reclamation and drainage, floor tiles and generator to keep the tax rate stable. The Committee plans to continue to consider this idea.

Brian reported the status of additional projects that need to be done as follows:

- A septic replacement is estimated at \$150,000 that the Board may want to consider adding to the CIP Schedule to keep the tax rate stable and make these projects more meaningful to the town.
- Playground and drainage improvements are connected; these improvements can be made in phases.
- The parking lot has been patched over the years and was recently patched again for safety; this is anticipated to last five years. The paving project probably can't wait for the CIP cycle. The condition of the parking lot has been assessed and quotes obtained over the years with an estimated cost over \$400,000. If this project were ready, it would be put out to bid.
- There are FEMA funds available for the generator through a hazard mitigation grant at approximately 75% as NBCS is the town emergency shelter. The School District approached the Selectboard a few years ago to discuss the possibility of sharing the cost, which was denied at that time. The current generator meets the needs for now. The Board asked Brian to begin this discussion again with the Emergency Management Director to help the Board determine if this item should be added to the CIP Schedule.

The Board requested input from Scott and Facilities Director Randy Loring to help prioritize items. Randy will be asked to meet with the Board to discuss. Some projects may be eligible for ESSER grant funding and the SAU will evaluate this further in preparation for the 2022 Warrant.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees are beginning to meet again.

JOINT AREA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING (TBD)

Sam reported the Subcommittee met recently and reviewed the draft Agreement prepared by New Boston School District Attorney Kevin Collimore. Two items remain pending. The full SAU Board will discuss this further at the October 21 SAU Board meeting.

SAU #19 PRC COMMITTEE MEETING (10/21/21 @ 5:00 PM @ SAU)

SAU #19 BOARD MEETING (10/21/21 @ 6:00 PM @ SAU)

GOFFSTOWN POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE (10/11/21 @ 5:30 PM @ SAU)

Wendy reported this Committee met Monday and reviewed JCA Change of School Assignment that will be sent to the Goffstown School Board for a first read with one change. JEC the Manifest of Educational Hardship is being removed and added to JCA. ECA Ethics Policy Statement is going back for review. BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest was reviewed with no changes recommended. IIB Class Sizes And Instruction is being moved to the Goffstown School Board for a First Read as a Board member requested it be reviewed for recommendations of class size guidelines for the Facilities Planning Committee. JQ Student Fees, Fines and Dues is being moved to the Goffstown School Board for a First Read. The Committee is also sending some policies to the SAU PRC for review.

GOFFSTOWN C&E COMMITTEE REPORT (11/08/21 @ 7:00 PM @ SAU CENTRAL OFFICE)

NEW BOSTON POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE (10/27/21 @ 5:00 PM @ NBCS)

GOFFSTOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (TBD)

NEW BOSTON SELECTMEN (10-18-21 @ 6:00 PM @ TOWN HALL)

REPORTS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Tori Underwood gave the Principal's Report as follows:

- A Teacher Workshop was held October 1. Special Education Facilitator Jennifer Gilliland is now a trainer for crisis intervention to avoid student escalating agitation and held a session to train staff. A Know And Tell session was also held.
- October 6 was an all staff meeting where Police Chief James Brace and Fire Chief Dan MacDonald presented on the NBCS safety drills.
- Teachers Jen Moulton and Alex Kelley have reinstated NBCS Hiking Club. They saw a bald eagle while the group was hiking Monday and were able to take great pictures. The Board thanked them for coordinating this club.
- NBCS held a flu shot clinic for staff October 11.
- The third grade Michaelmas event will be held outdoors this year with a raindate if necessary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Brian Balke gave the Superintendent's report:

- A GHS trip to Costa Rica is rescheduled to June 2022.
- A tragic MVMS student suicide occurred. A workshop is scheduled October 14 with Crispin's House and is planned to be recorded.
- Staffing is a significant challenge SAUwide.
- Student behavioral deterioration is observed across all grade levels including negative Tik Tok and social media challenge influences.
- The Goffstown School District was notified that it was again randomly selected for the NEAP Assessment. This is a test used for the national data pool. The results are not shared with the school districts but are used to compare the USA to other countries. Outside test facilitators come in with their own equipment and questions include non-academic questions, some about parent demographic information. The schools lose one day of teaching and learning, no data is collected and there is questionable benefit to citizens. The Districts are required to comply or risk losing any federal grant funding.
- The SAU Executive Board met last night to discuss replacement of retiring Assistant Superintendent MaryClaire Barry.

- GHS Homecoming Week has been a success. An event is scheduled for Saturday night but weather is concerning and the event may be cancelled.
- GHS students have been recognized as part of the 2022 National Merit Scholarship program including Caleb Hagner from New Boston who is also serving as the GHS Student Representative for the Goffstown School Board. All wish them success in potentially earning these scholarships.
- The NH Athletic Director Association and the NHIAA recognized GHS Athletic Director Justin Hufft with the annual Clyde Meyerhoefer Award and completed his Athletic Director Administrator's Certificate in very short time. The Board and Administrators congratulated him, his assistants, families and players.
- Local COVID-19 statistics were reviewed. Summary data of positive COVID-19 cases SAUwide is inaccurate on the state COVID dashboard. The SAU has been compiling this data accurately and it is updated daily and posted on the SAU website at [SAU19 COVID-19 Active & Recovered Cases \(goffstown.k12.nh.us\)](https://www.goffstown.k12.nh.us/SAU19_COVID-19_Active_&Recovered_Cases). The SAU has received some information about school cluster cases throughout the state. Brian does not intend to return to a remote learning model, Administrators want students to be in school five days per week and not be forced to a remote learning model as some school districts have, but the Districts' ability to remain in the current learning model is predicated by factors including workforce or staffing limitations.

OLD BUSINESS

AREA PUBLIC INPUT

The Board anticipates public input opportunities on AREA Agreement renewal and any changes. This is the ten-year tuition contract with the Goffstown School District that has been in place since the 1970's. There is a symbiotic relationship between the New Boston and Goffstown school districts with benefits to both communities. New Boston students enrich Goffstown schools and increase the student population allowing the schools to offer more courses. AREA Agreement negotiations have taken place recently with the Joint AREA Subcommittee. A community forum meeting is planned to review the highlights of the Agreement, the history, benefits to both communities and receive any input from the public. Deadlines were reviewed, as the language needs to be submitted for the 2022 Warrant Article two years before Agreement expiration if both Boards agree on a finalized Agreement by December. The SAU Board will meet October 21 and again in December. The New Boston School Board meets October 27, November 3 and 17. The Board scheduled a community forum for public input on the AREA Agreement for November 10 at 6:30 PM including the overview presentation. An informational article is planned for the New Boston Beacon. The Board encourages the public to check the SAU website at [Goffstown-New Boston AREA Agreement.pdf](#) and attend the November 10 meeting to provide input to the Board. The Agreement is anticipated to be ready for review in preparation for voting in March 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Kary read aloud a Press Release from SAU 19 dated October 13, 2021 explaining that the New Boston School Board denies the petition for a Special Meeting attempting to reverse the masking policy set by the Board. Approximately 15 shots/fireworks were heard nearby, outside the school building.

PTA PLAYGROUND DISCUSSION

PTA President Susan Hansen and Treasurer Julie Kirklin were present to meet with the Board to discuss a playground renovation proposal. They explained the role and purpose of the PTA at NBCS as budget almost \$30,000 each year toward the school for Artist In Resident, Sargent Camp fees, teacher requests, chick incubators, Curriculum Enrichment programs for all grades, organizing school volunteers and hosting fun events for families. Approximately seventy parents and staff currently participate in the PTA. Julie reviewed the history of the playground. In 2016, there was enthusiasm to renovate the playground when the slide was found to be unsafe. The Board and the PTA brought in a playground architect who presented to the Board and PTA. Fundraising began for the playground but the renovation did not yet occur due to drainage and erosion issues. The play structure will need to be replaced soon. The PTA was able to install the gaga pit and outdoor classroom. Susan

and Julie are here to encourage the project be moved higher on the NBCS project priority list. The PTA plans to contribute funds toward the playground yearly. The PTA has funds available; they have been fundraising and have approximately \$40,000 available for playground renovations this year, pending a PTA vote. A meeting took place today with Tori, PTA officers and Artist in Residence Ron King. Ron will assess the playground area Tuesday for a five-year plan. The PTA requested the School District contribute to the project along with the PTA, especially for the drainage and erosion. Facilities Director Randy Loring met with them and noted erosion is being controlled with plants now growing in the area and suggested installing structures that can be moved during construction that might occur.

Canons/fireworks sounded in the distance.

Tori reported Ron was at NBCS in 2007 to work on the playground and he is excited to help again with his son who has joined the business. The group is meeting again October 19 at 9:00 AM.

Brian reported this project might be eligible for ESSER grant funding. He also noted playground equipment is expensive and there may be a significant wait time for equipment to arrive. Brian, Business Administrator Scott Gross and Randy will consider the possibility of ESSER funding and will plan to attend the October 19 meeting. Administrators noted erosion has improved due to the new plants around the slide. The Board and Administrators thanked the PTA for tonight's presentation and for all the incredible work the PTA has done to enrich student experiences.

SKI PROGRAM

NBCS requested authorization to continue the annual ski program at Pat's Peak. Danielle Wayland plans to continue organizing the program. It is planned for Friday nights beginning January 7, 2022 and continuing for five weeks. Bus transportation is available for an additional fee. Masks are required on the bus. Pat's Peak is continuing outside dining and allowing people inside the lodges. Masks will not be required unless there are illnesses. If students miss lessons due to quarantine, Pat's Peak will provide vouchers as done last year. The Board is in favor of continuing the program and thanked NBCS and Danielle for offering this opportunity to students. *Wendy Lambert moved to authorize the 2022 ski program as presented. Sam Perron seconded the motion. The motion carried. (5-0)*

COVID TESTING PROGRAM

Brian explained the NH Safer At Schools COVID-19 screening (SASS) program offered free to school districts. It is an asymptomatic federally funded mitigation tool against the spread of COVID-19 in schools. Four vendors were available; the SAU selected the program offered by UNH. Testing is voluntary with opt-in and opt-out monthly with the possibility of more frequent opportunities to opt in and out in the future. Symptomatic students can receive free rapid tests from NH that can be administered on site but families should not send symptomatic children to school for testing. The Goffstown School Board supported this proposal at its recent meeting. Testing will occur weekly with results available the next day. Instruction time is anticipated to be disrupted for a short time depending on the number of students participating. If a student is found positive, that student would quarantine for ten days and other students would not be quarantined. Additional testing may be available if a student is positive to determine if it is a false positive or to test close contacts. All quarantine decisions come from the state.

An audience member interrupted saying, "See you in court." and left the meeting.

School nurses are receiving training for rapid tests. Tests will be picked up in Concord, NH tomorrow. The NBCS space used for testing will be determined. Families were surveyed SAUwide with 1700 responses. Approximately 800-1,200 families are anticipated to be interested. Permission slips will be sent to families. *Wendy Lambert moved to approve engagement with UNH to administer the Safer At Schools Screening SASS program and authorize the SAU to further engage in the administration of COVID-19 tests for students and staff who are enrolled in the SASS program. Sam Perron seconded the motion. The motion carried. (4-1)*

SAU#19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

As above under Superintendent's Report.

STAFFING

Notifications:

Observer:

Ariana Dumaine (SNHU Sept-Nov) with Kristin Mitchell

Other: Staffing Support to be discussed in Non-Public.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING

- Bill proposed a change to the mask mandate for staff such as a custodian working alone, Special Education teachers and teachers working alone or when 6' from students. This is a proposal to relax the mask mandate for staff, as they are already trusted with the minds and lives of students. This may address some of the concerns about facial expressions. Brian noted staff was surveyed for preferences as reported at the September 22 Board meeting, but this is a policy decision of the Board. Sam noted there may be an "*" in the matrix for adults and this will be researched. Wendy noted the Board voted to mandate masks for teachers, staff and students due to the status of vaccination opportunities for children. Special Education Facilitator Jenn Gilliland noted parents of students with and IEP or a 504 and have concerns for potential accommodations that would be addressed by an IEP meeting; the first course of action is to contact her to schedule a meeting. Wendy noted the NBCS Special Education staff goes above and beyond in making accommodations happen for NBCS students and that is appreciated. The Board may consider amending the matrix for vaccinated adults in NBCS and review the matrix at its next meeting
- The Board thanked the Confidence Foundation and the person who nominated NBCS for the recent \$2,500 donation made to NBCS student activities fund.
- Wendy reviewed that New Boston and Goffstown are separate school districts but, because of the AREA Agreement, the districts come together as an SAU. The Goffstown and New Boston School Boards are separate and make decisions based on the schools in their district. New Boston tuitions their middle and high school students into Goffstown schools and it is covered under the AREA Agreement that stands for "Authorized Regional Enrollment Area."

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda Nix of Labree Road was present and noted 2% of Goffstown elementary students where masks are optional and 2% of NBCS students where this is a mask mandate have gotten COVID-19, no statistical difference. NBCS is not following science monitoring what is happening in the community and being able to pivot based on decisions seen. She suggested humanizing what is occurring-parents are appearing at the Board meetings as are very passionate about what is happening with a lot of concerns, they are aching, crying, sleepless, upset. They hear students "don't mind" masks but compliance doesn't mean they don't mind. Children express lots of concerns at home such as their faces are sweaty, they are uncomfortable, they can't see their friends' faces. Parents have lots of concerns, dealing everyday with their children are coming home upset. If parents are not hearing these concerns from their children she suggested the parents ask their children about it. She is upset the Board is unable to make a pivot according to NH statistics. She noted the NH COVID dashboard website was down for a time but the statistics are now updated. She noted there is equal data and interest for masking and unmasking students, making this decision less about science and more about belief system, what a person considers correct. This is 50/50 in New Boston. Mental health is a big issue in community children. Her belief system is God, Jesus and religion are valuable for mental health, praying is comforting. She suggested prayer in school and watching TV such as Veggie Tales or a show with Christian aspects during silent lunch to help children according to her belief system but she does not expect it to go over well in the community. Parents are following science and data and monitoring as well as the school district and the mask mandate is taking a big emotional toll on the community and taking parent choice away. She asked the Board consider all aspects and

remember parents are fired up because they love their children and want what is best for them, 50% in the community want to make the mask choice for their own children.

Nicole Treat of Jessica Lane was present and noted this is not a mask debate but a respect debate for people of opposing opinions. Families of students with IEPs will see struggles sooner than other families, such as changes in personalities and behaviors that people outside the family may not notice and she requests these families be the first to be able to make the mask choice for their children. Her family lives with two grandparents with comorbidities, and have two children with IEPs they are all being careful although prefer not to mask. In medical settings, masks are changed often. In school, many children keep the same mask on for approximately six hours, touching them, dropping them, putting them down and in pockets. She has a child with sports asthma prone to airway infections that has been exacerbated by masks requiring the addition of daily nebulizer and two heart medications. The bacteria from masks breathed into the lungs is not good for children with asthma or anyone. She is opposed to masks as her child is more susceptible to airway infections than to COVID-19 based on the child risk report. She trusts hygiene more than masks to prevent COVID-19. Her daughter has apraxia and needs visuals to determine how to form words with her mouth. The family is glad she was able to attend NBCS before masks were required. She noted concerns for children with autism, anxiety. She has a child with panic disorder and general anxiety who had nightmares, night terrors and panic attacks for months due to the way masks were discussed in school. She is concerned for families who were unable to work due to changes in society caused the panic who may have lost their job and income and have no savings. All these things can cause depression, trauma, PTSD and anxiety in parents and children; there is more to the mask decision than just physical health. One decision does work for all situations and not every child adapts easily. She requested balance of physical health, mental health and education for all to thrive. These concerned parents are thinking of the community, families, children with IEPs, elderly, children breathing in bacteria causing them to become sick and miss school. Families are asking for respect they are making the best mask choice for their children and good choices of who they come in contact with to reduce the chance of illness. Illnesses happen; some are scary and cannot be stopped completely. COVID-19 is similar to a cold or flu in how it spreads and mutates and may not completely go away. She asked for mask options and respect that families have considered their risks, interactions to reduce the chance of illness. They request the opportunity to use their parental right and not be called names or selfish as each situation is different and families make difference choices than the school board mandate.

Peter Bax of Wilson Hill Road was present and thanked Brian for his recent return phone call answering a question. Peter reiterated his questions from previous meetings and requested answers. He asked if masks could become optional once the SASS testing program begins. He asked if NBCS could do as the UK did when there was a delta variant spike at the end of the last school year masks were not required and children under age 16 were not allowed to be vaccinated, instead they used a testing program with success as they realized covering children's faces could interfere with development. Masks are bad for development and learning. He requested the science that says masking is the appropriate evidence based practice. Manchester, NH requires masking but had several clusters. Children and teachers are not in the hospital, one teacher may have died early in the pandemic. He researched CDC who found there were more COVID-19 cases in mask optional situations. He reminded all the CDC is in the pocket of teacher unions. He read aloud CDC findings then summarized that the CDC picked the findings giving teachers a great headline. At the August 18, 2021 meeting, he spoke after a parent who spoke for their child and since this issue continues, he no longer supports his statement that all are doing what is best for their children. His signs costing \$200 have been stolen, vandalized, kicked over, he was accused on social media, the hospital he works at was called with a complaint he was representing the hospital before the School Board. He then had to meet with supervisors and explain the situation, then the hospital had to respond. He noted the people doing this are filth and they are supported by the Board's mask mandate. He has a child on the Asperger's spectrum who is quirky and may be ostracized in the future but needs mask optional to get ahead at this point in life. He has experience with people with Asperger's Syndrome in his work and personal life. He asked his child about masks who said they are "cozy." He asked his child about seeing friends with masks, his child noted he can only see their eyes, he thinks he can tell if they are smiling but not sure and sometimes forgets what they look like. He played a video of his child responding. He had to leave the August 18 meeting early and watched the remainder of the meeting on YouTube where some Board members were concerned about the effects of mask optional causing children to become sick. He noted the only children getting

seriously sick from COVID-19 have comorbidities but more children are reporting to hospitals with mental health problems. Only one area hospital will accept these children who also are affected when they observe others arriving to the hospital such as drunks with police and other problems, and if they are having mental health problems due to the mask mandate, that is also caused by the Board's decision.

Mary Kennedy of Weare Road was present and noted she has full faith in all five Board members who also debate and talk and research but still voted for a mask mandate at NBCS and it has been said they are not compassionate, it is not just about what is going on with child in individual families, it is about being proactive, not reactive. Children do die and have long-haul issues from COVID-19. There was a community spread in New Boston that resulted in three people in the hospital with one still on oxygen. COVID-19 will always be here but once everyone is vaccinated, statistics can be reviewed and it may be more like the flu at that time with different precautions. Mary is very compassionate, worked with children and abused children for a long time. She is not minimizing those issues but children with certain issues can't cancel out the health of children with other issues such as her child with diabetes. Science has shown children with diabetes who contract COVID-19 end up with DKA. The American Academy of Pediatrics and CDC are recommending masks. It is about being proactive and continuing to re-evaluate while getting 504s from the school district. Development is very complex, there are many accommodations throughout the school for struggling children, and this can be done for masks. They have mask breaks throughout the day, they have masks off outside and at lunch, and they remember their peers' faces. She requested reciprocal respect and common ground from both sides. Once children can be vaccinated, the mask mandate can be re-evaluated. There are studies for both sides of the mask issue. NH has not had cases like other places, she did not know many in NH who had COVID-19 in early 2021 but now knows many people who have had it in last two months with winter still to come when cases could increase. She encouraged families to talk to teachers and staff about accommodations that can be made and offered to discuss child development with anyone who wants to as masking is not child abuse. She heard misinformation and wanted to represent support for the Board's decision and the continuing consideration of the next time the Board can make a motion on masks.

Kary noted public speakers need to address the Board and the audience needs to remain respectful when people are talking. Kary closed the second session of Public Comment as it had gone over the allotted time limit.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 311

Kary Jencks made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 9:07 pm under RSA 91-A:3II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Sam Perron seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote: 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks moved to exit non-public session at 9:18 pm. Sam Perron seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Wendy Lambert moved to seal the non-public minutes ad infinitum. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 9:18 pm under RSA 91-A:3II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote: 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks moved to exit non-public session at 9:51 pm. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks moved to seal the non-public minutes for five years. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Wendy Lambert moved to participate in the Superintendent's recommendation to establish a COVID-19 liaison and contribute \$5,000 to Sara Matatall for this function. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. Discussion: This will be submitted to ESSER for approval of grant funding. If the ESSER grant application for this purpose is denied, the SAU will bring it to the Board to determine how it will be funded. The motion carried. (5-0)

Wendy Lambert moved to participate in the Superintendent's recommendation for teacher support of remote students in quarantine to be shared with the Goffstown School District in accordance with the percentage in the AREA Agreement with funds to come from the ESSER grants. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried. (5-0)

Kary Jencks made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 9:56 pm under RSA 91-A:3II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote: 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks moved to exit non-public session at 10:02 pm. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Wendy Lambert moved to seal the non-public minutes for five years. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 10:03 pm under RSA 91-A:3II(k) Consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by RSA 194 or RSA 195-A, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public or the school district that is considering a contract, including any meeting between the school boards, or committees thereof, involved in the negotiations. A contract negotiated by a school board shall be made public prior to its consideration for approval by a school district, together with minutes of all meetings held in nonpublic session, any proposals or records related to the contract, and any proposal or records involving a school district that did not become a party to the contract, shall be made public. Approval of a contract by a school district shall occur only at a meeting open to the public at which, or after which, the public has had an opportunity to participate. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote: 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks moved to exit non-public session at 10:11 pm. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Wendy Lambert moved to seal the non-public minutes for ten years. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 10:11 pm under RSA 91-A:3II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the

public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote: 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Kary Jencks moved to exit non-public session at 10:14 pm. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

Wendy Lambert moved to seal the non-public minutes five years. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. Vote 5-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Kary Jencks moved to adjourn the public meeting at 10:14 pm. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. The Chair took an individual voice poll from all Board members. The motion carried. (5-0) Meeting Adjourned.

All back-up material to this meeting is held in the Principal's Office.
Respectfully submitted,
Maralyn Segien