

PASQUANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU #108 School Board

297 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH 03222

SAU#108 Board meeting March 19, 2025 at 6pm Bridgewater-Hebron Village School Library

Pro-Tem Board members present: Virginia Parker and Mark Coulson

Excused Absence: Erick Piper

BHVD Commissioner present: Derry Riddle

Ms. Parker called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Review of Minutes

-Ms. Parker requested a review of the draft minutes of March 5, 2025.

-Mr. Coulson made a motion to accept the minutes of March 5, 2025 as presented. Ms. Parker seconded. All present in favor.

Public Comment

- Katheen Connor requested that individuals stop the misconceptions. The teacher contracts are not finalized yet and there are all sorts of false percentages being discussed. The conception that it is an overall 34% increase with most receiving 25% is false. When this is stated, you must be very clear. Please be careful what you are saying and please know what the public is saying.

- Mr. Coulson noted that at the recent Hebron Budget meeting there was one question regarding the school district and the selectmen deferred the question till next Tuesday night. In addition, the Hebron Fire Chief was present and he is from Groton. He did not seem to be aware of any rumors.

Updates

- Ms. Parker brought forward a participation election form, for Pasquaney School District to participate in the NH Retirement System (NHRS).

- Mr. Parker made a motion to accept and sign the election to participate in NHRS form and to also accept and sign the election to participate in tax sheltered contributions. Mr. Coulson seconded. All present in favor.

- Ms. Parker requested that the policies updated at the last meeting be presented for signatures with the grammatical corrections. All board members present signed.

- Mr. Holden stated that 4 individuals have requested to be enrolled in Plymouth Regional for their High School. We still do have some forms outstanding. Sarah Hunewill has emailed, and mailed notices to all households of students in 8-11 grade. Those that have not turned in signed forms need to get those forms in as soon as possible.

- Ms. Parker announced that the request for additional information for budget line items has been produced and posted to the website. If there are any specific questions, you can email us and it will be addressed at next Tuesday's meeting.

- Ms. Parker noted that the vision committee had a meeting on March 10th and will meet again on March 24th.

- Ms. Parker added that we are awaiting proposals on food service and the deadline is April 15th. We expect two RFP's, and there is a potential of savings.

- Mr. Holden stated that we are looking forward to the newly elected school board coming on. In addition, he announced that they have scheduled training on April 9th for the new board.

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New Business

- Ms. Parker presented a new consulting contract for Russell Holden, the consulting superintendent. She stated the wide knowledge base that he has and how he is providing this service at a great economical savings to us. We are very happy with all the services he has provided and we are now looking to sign a single year agreement.
- Ms. Parker stated that we are looking for a motion to approve a single year contract effective 7/1/25-6/30/26.
- Ms. Parker made the motion and Mr. Coulson seconded. All present in favor.
- Ms. Parker noted with no other new business, she will seek public comment.

Public Comment

- Derry Riddle – Thank you. You all have done a really good job.
- Ms. Parker state the next step is the first annual meeting of the new school district. It is at this meeting that our first budget will be established. We will leave the meeting with a budget.
- Seeing no other public comments, Ms. Parker requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Coulson made the motion and Ms. Parker seconded. All present in favor.

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.