

PASQUANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU #108 School Board

297 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH 03222

SAU#108 Board meeting February 11, 2025 at 6pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Pro-Tem Board members present: Virginia Parker, Mark Coulson and Erick Piper (via Teams meeting)

Excused Absence: Erick Piper

Consulting Superintendent: Russell Holden

Consulting Business Administrator: Robin Reinhold

BHG Steering Committee members present: Terry Murphy

BHVD Commissioner present: Terry Murphy

Ms. Parker called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from the meeting on January 28 were reviewed.
- Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Coulson and seconded by Mr. Piper.
- Ms. Parker abstained as she wasn't present at the meeting.

Public Comment

- No members of the public had comments at this time.

Updates

- Ms. Parker reminded the individuals present that the board will be holding their budget hearing on Thursday evening February 13, at 6pm in the Town of Bridgewater hall.
- Ms. Parker presented the first MOU with SAU#4. This MOU is for Fixed Shared Costs. This is for various positions that both SAU's will share as the positions are only at each school a minimum number of hours each week. This is a one-year contract. Ms. Parker asked for a motion to accept the fixed cost MOU. Mr. Coulson made the motion and Mr. Piper seconded. All were in favor.
- The next MOU is for co-curricular items. These will be at a cost of \$200 per participating student. Ms. Parker made a motion to approve and Mr. Coulson seconded. All in favor.
- There were some discussion items of whether or not band, chorus and unified sports are included in this MOU, whereas those items occur during the normal course of the school day. Ms. Parker will confirm, and see if there would be transportation available.
- Mr. Holden mentioned that this MOU is a multi-year agreement. Therefore, it will be one of the warrant articles that will be voted on at the annual meeting. It is recommended by the board.

New Business

- Mr. Piper mentioned that he has talked with the attorney on the wording of HB349 and hopes to have follow-up prior to Thursday evenings meeting.

Public Comment

Jen Lloyd stated that she would really like to see band and chorus included.

David Lloyd asked if there was any progress on the teacher contracts.

Ms. Parker stated that she is looking forward to the Budget Hearing on Thursday evening and that there will be more information presented at that time.

David Lloyd exclaimed that the teacher contracts are a priority as they are the biggest part of this.

Jen Lloyd stated that she had sent an email to the board in support of anything they can do for the teachers, but has not received a response. She further explained that she knows what these teachers do everyday and you will not have a school without these teachers. You are putting a lot on these teachers and they are the heart and soul of the school.

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Ms. Parker acknowledged that we do get your emails. Unfortunately, where as it was sent to the entire board, it makes it difficult to respond. It could be considered a discussion amongst board members.

Mr. Holden expressed the board does not have authority to respond outside of a board meeting.

David Lloyd asked to please get them as close to other towns as possible as It is very important.

Jennifer Pinckney - speaking on behalf of myself, couple of items as result of the January 28th meeting and as recent as the January 20th meeting there has been mention of SAU#4 in an unprofessional manner. We would like to move forward in a positive professional manner. At a recent meeting, I was left speechless when teachers salaries were brought up and there was a comment of if they don't stay where are they going to go. We are a collective group of highly educated and highly sought after teacher. We only ask for respect and professionalism as a standard going forward.

Ms. Parker acknowledged Jennifers request and asked if there were any other comments.

Kristen DeCormier stated that she has read all the minutes. We all love this school very much. The contention and lack of professionalism even comes through in the minutes. We do not want this lack of professionalism brought through to our school. We need to have respect and support our teachers.

Further, concerns were expressed about the tone and professionalism of board discussions, emphasizing the need for respect and positive communication as the district transitions to a new board.

Ms. Parker thanked the public for their concerns. Seeing no other comments from the public, Ms. Parker made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Coulson seconded. All in favor.

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.