

PASQUANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU #108 School Board

297 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH 03222

SAU#108 Board meeting January 22, 2025 at 6pm Hebron Town Hall

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

Consulting Superintendent: Russell Holden

BHG Steering Committee members present: Terry Murphy

BHVD Commissioner present: Terry Murphy

Ms. Parker called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from the meetings on December 18, December 27, January 8, and January 15 were reviewed.
- Amendments were made to clarify attendance and correct typographical errors.
- Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mr. Piper and seconded by Mr. Coulson.
- All in favor

Public Comment

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

Updates

- The Three town clerks, the moderator (Roger Larochelle) and Julie will meet on Monday January 27th at 9am, to discuss the logistics of the ballot voting and the annual meeting, etc.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Budget hearing scheduled for February 13, at 6pm in The Bridgewater Hall.
- March 11 will be a ballot election held at each town voting facility
- Followed by the annual meeting on March 25 with location TBD.
- Suggestion to hold an open Q&A session on March 15 to address any lingering questions from the community.

Logistics for Meetings

- Discussion on the location of meetings, with a preference for the school to foster community engagement.
- Concerns about acoustics and visibility in the school gymnasium were raised.
- Agreement to evaluate the setup and logistics closer to the meeting dates.

New Business

- No items of new business at this time.

Public Comment

Catherine Roman

- Shared insights about the sound system used for events at BHVS.
- Discussed the effectiveness of the SAU4 sound system (Bose system with two microphones) and the need for proper equipment for large gatherings.
- Suggested using the gym, cafeteria, or Media Center for meetings due to their capacity and acoustics.

Jennifer Pinckney

- Inquired about the SAU#108 school calendar and considerations for families with children in multiple schools. It would be nice for calendars to align.
- Mentioned that the SAU#4 calendar was recently approved and asked when the SAU#108I calendar would be finalized.

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-Mr. Holden expressed that he has a draft calendar prepared. He will review against the SAU#4 calendar and align and will present a draft soon.

Discussion on Meeting Capacity

- Discussion on the expected turnout for the upcoming meeting, estimating 400-500 attendees.
- Consideration of overflow options in the Media Center and cafeteria.
- Need to confirm maximum occupancy for each space with the Bridgewater Deputy Fire Chief.

Planning for Next Meeting

- Proposed to meet on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 PM for a non-public session followed by a public session at 7:00 PM.
- Location to be Town of Bridgewater whereas there is a meeting at BHVS prior.
- Agreed to review the lease agreement and discuss any necessary changes.

Ms. Parker requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Coulson seconded. All in favor.

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.