

PASQUANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU #108 School Board

297 Mayhew Turnpike

Bridgewater, NH 03222

SAU 108 Board meeting 9/19/24 6pm Bridgewater Town Hall

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

BHG Steering Committee members present: Terence Murphy

BHVD Commissioners present: Terence Murphy, Derry Riddle

Ms. Parker called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Ms. Parker asked for a review of the 9/4 minutes.

Mr. Piper made a motion to approve the 9/4 minutes. Mr. Coulson seconded. All in favor.

Ms. Parker opened the meeting to public comment.

Public Comment

Aubrey Freedman This is the 1st meeting I'm attending. I have read all the minutes from previous meetings and the first topic I would like to discuss is extracurricular activities. Sports, etc. This is supposed to be focused on academics. The proficiency scores need improvement. We do not need to focus on enrichment. We need to focus on academics. Please have tax payers pay for academics and have parent pay for extracurriculars.

The second topic is this policy regarding pregnancy. This is an elementary school and should be removed.

Matt Barnard – Sports ties to academics. Some students need something to focus on to achieve better in academics. If they do not have the sports to focus on then they can get into trouble.

This is a K-8 and school district will go through high school, the possibility for pregnancy is there, we have seen this happen. We need to be prepared for this in case it happens.

Updates

Ms. Parker announced that her meeting with SAU#4 went well and we have a draft reciprocal tuition agreement. SAU#4 has posted the draft today and we will post it as soon as possible. We have both chosen to allow the public to view it now. Voting will be at the annual meetings. This covers SAU#4 students currently attending BHVS. SAU#4 does not plan to enroll any new students in BHVS. This will cover current Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton students through high school.

Mr. Coulson announced that SAU#48 will allow choice for our students through 9-12. Their attorney will present an agreement to the board on October 1. If they are in agreement, then it will be presented to us after that meeting.

Mr. Piper announced that he and Russ Holden were able to meet with the teachers. Russ has completed some excellent research. Kelly & Kathleen have presented a proposal, Russ & Robin are reviewing. I believe we can have some updates further into October.

Mr. Murphy announced that he met with teachers on the technology items & with the IT individual at the school along with Intra systems to make sure teachers will be all set.

He also announced that Robin is working on an overview of budget-of all the items we have calculated thus far.

Second Reading "A" policies

Ms. Parker read through the titles of each policy.

Ms. Parker asked about policy ACA(A1)-what do we do about name of Title IX coordinator?

Russ Holden stated it is ok to leave blank and just leave as the Title IX coordinator.

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Mr. Piper brought up policy JIE-Pregnant students-it has been brought up by two individuals in public comment. I think we need this policy.

Ms. Parker stated this isn't only K-8. We are Pasquaney School District which we will have students through 12th grade.

Mr. Coulson brought up an article, from Omaha Nebraska, he recently read regarding detectors for vaping. Russ stated that there is currently an app that the administrators can link to the vape detector, but if no one is in the area of where the incident happens it can be difficult.

Mr. Coulson said that at beginning of school 100 incidents had occurred & at end of Xmas 25. It might be something to think about.

Ms. Parker made a motion to adopt the A policies. Mr. Piper seconded. All in favor.

New Business

Ms. Parker stated that the next policies to review will be "D". First readings will take place at our next meeting on Tuesday September 24th. We are planning to have the meeting in Hebron, but will confirm that tomorrow.

Aubrey Freedman asked the question, so we will not be SB2? Then how will this work?

Mr. Murphy stated we will have hearings and then the vote. At the school board meeting you can still vote to change

Ms. Parker stated that there are certain dates you need everything by.

Aubrey Freedman asked, so when can we make changes?

Mr. Murphy answered, at the School Board meeting.

Kathleen Connor asked, what happens if the budget is not approved?

Ms. Parker answered, it depends which attorney you ask. We will be obtaining further clarification.

Discussion ensued regarding hearings and school board annual meeting, budget and voting.

Matt Barnard asked, on your tailings agreement is it for a certain number of years?

Ms. Parker answered, both sides have agreed four years initially.

Ms. Parker added some may still go to Newfound, but discussion regarding tuition & students going to Plymouth parents would need to pay difference that is not the case. For the options available, the school district pays the tuition.

Ms. Parker requested to enter non-public at 6:53pm all in favor.