

# PASQUANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SAU #108 School Board

297 Mayhew Turnpike  
Bridgewater, NH 03222

SAU#108 Board meeting February 19, 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

BHG Steering Committee members present: Terry Murphy

BHVD Commissioner present: Terry Murphy

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

### Public Comment

- Kathleen Connor inquired as to the number of at large board members being "2" and how that was decided and could one town have obviously more members. Also is the 2/3 vote, by town or by School District.
- Discussion of the school district warrant articles and how they do not pertain to specific town voting. It is a school district vote.
- Kathleen Connor asked if we were able to supply a line-item budget.
- Ms. Parker answered that she is also very used to a line-item budget, but this is a unique pre-operational time, and we are in the process of setting up all of our software systems (including the accounting system).
- Mr. Holden stated that at this point individuals can view the MS26 online and if that is not descriptive enough, we could ask the business administrator for a cheat sheet as to what items are included in each line on the MS26.
- Discussion ensued as to what items can be provided to the public to show more detail behind the specific line-items.
- Aubrey Freedman asked a question regarding the SAU48-SA108 Tuition agreement. What does it mean on pg1 #2 the All property purchased as part of these services will be Pasquaney's.
- Mr. Holden answered that this pertains to items like OT/PT if a special chair were to be purchased for a Pasquaney student, it would remain Pasquaney's property.
- Aubrey Freedman asked a question in regards to the teacher increases. We were told the average is 18 or 19% but that some are receiving 25%. Why such a disparity.
- Mr. Holden addressed this question stating that 40% of the teachers are receiving a step increase that are not currently at the top of the steps.
- Mr. Piper added that every school district has a step system for their teachers.
- Aubrey Freedman asked what the food service items refer to in the power point presentation.
- Mr. Holden stated that whereas this is the first year of operation, there are a lot of items that in the future we will qualify for reimbursement.
- Discussion ensued regarding different line items within the MS26 and whether or not future reimbursements and why some of the warrant Articles are included. It was discussed that most of these are to establish the district funds.

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### Updates

- Ms. Parker reminded the individuals present that Bridgewater-Hebron Village School will be having an open house on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm.
- Mr. Holden provided an update on the High School enrollments. Four individuals would like to attend SAU48 and the remainder will attend SAU4. We are currently missing 19. Sarah mailed a second request to each and we hope to have that information by our next meeting.

### New Business

- Ms. Parker asked for an update on adding a grade per year.
- Mr. Holden mentioned that we have advertised the Principal and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher positions. We are now forming committees to interview candidates after the break. In addition, contracts for the custodian, administration, etc. have been given to staff. The teachers will receive their draft contracts after the February break.
- Mr. Couslon informed the public that for Article 12, Trustee of the Trust funds, the Trustees for the town of Hebron were chosen to act on behalf of the school district for their trust funds, as Hebron hold various active trust funds.
- Mr. Holden discussed that in March at the next meeting, we will bring in a few policy updates that are required by law. We will do first and final readings at one meeting do to the requirements.
- Mr. Holden added that a draft calendar for the 2025-2026 school year is currently being reviewed by the teachers.

### Public Comment

No Public comments

Ms. Parker stated that the next board meeting will take place at the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School at 5pm on Wednesday March 5, following the open house.

All future meetings prior to the annual meeting will take place at BHVS in the library. The meeting dates will be as follows March, 12 and March 19<sup>th</sup> both at 6pm for public meeting.

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 6:59pm.