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To be approved by the Rye School Board at the August 1, 2019 meeting.

RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of the Rye School District was held at Rye Junior High School on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Margaret Honda, Scott Marion, Paula Tssetsilas
Jeanne Moynahan, Deb Crapo

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent
Suzanne Lull, Rye Elementary School Principal
Marie Soucy, Rye Junior High Principal
Samantha Panek, Minute Taker

Staff: Andrea Papoutsy, RES teacher, Piper Cronin RJH teacher,
Sally Welch, RES teacher

Visitors: Sarah Curtin, Katie Jones, Tom Pfau, Briana Carrigg

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:50)

Ms. Honda called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (01:15)

Ms. Honda thanked Ms. Cronin for her 13 years of shaping the students into well rounded individual, for her passion and variety of program. Ms. Honda continued to explain that it was time for Ms. Cronin to take on her own adventures and wished her luck. The Board presented Ms. Cronin with a certificate and plant.

Ms. Honda thanked Ms. Welch for her 13 years of caring, expertise and advise. Ms. Honda congratulated her and wished her well. The Board presented Ms. Welch with a certificate and plant.

Ms. Honda thanked Mr. Chris Pimentel for his 11 years of service and the care he took with the school community. Ms. Honda wished him the best in his retirement.

Ms Honda noted that the student presentation that was scheduled, would not be held due to the volume of end of school year activities.

RYE ENERGEY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mr. Tom Pfau with Rye Energy Committee explained that he was presenting on the lighting audit done at the school and the solar energy report.

Mr. Pfau explained that in December, the Energy Committee asked Eversource to perform a lighting audit on all municipal buildings, which included the schools. He noted that Eversource hired Energy Management Consultants and Carl Eaton their representative visited all the buildings. Mr. Pfau explained, in the case of the school, that some of the lighting had been replaced with LED but the summary explained the need to replace the remaining lights with LED and in some cases, add dimer switches and motion sensors.

Mr. Pfau said the estimated savings for this replacement would be approximately \$16,000 a year for both school buildings. He added the costs of the project would be approximately \$96,000 of which Eversource would cover half. The balance would be paid by the schools through the smart start billing program in which the cost would be added to the invoicing over a 2 years period. Mr. Pfau explained that bills/payments would remain the same for the 2 year period and then go down.

Dr. Marion noted that the first 2 years of billing would be higher to pay back the \$48,000. Mr. Pfau explained the savings on the power would be a little over 100000 watts and that savings would cover the amount owed. Mr. Pfau noted the spreadsheet in the packet which showed the 20% savings.

Ms. Honda asked if the savings would be guaranteed. Ms. Honda and Dr. Marion clarified that this proposal was an estimate. Dr. Marion added the costs could be better or worse. Mr. Pfau explained there would not be any upfront costs and Eversource would front the funds. Mr. Pfau mentioned that there would be additional savings due to less maintenance and mentioned that the soft cost savings were not shown on the spreadsheet. Mr. Pfau added that the lighting should also be better.

Dr. Marion asked about the implementation time. Mr. Pfau explained it would take 3 or 4 days. Mr. Pfau added the only unknown would be that Eversource has a limited amount of funds annually that could be used before the year ended. Mr. Pfau explained that those funds could be depleted before year end and the project would have to wait.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked if other departments were doing this and Mr. Pfau responded yes.

Dr. Marion explained the need for formal action to move forward and asked about the process of submitting an application. Mr. Pfau explained that there would be paperwork, and someone would need to review and sign.

Mr. Petralia reminded the board that he would report on the current fund balance later and noted the discussion about replacing the boiler. Dr. Marion said there isn't a cost so funding wouldn't be a concern. Mr. Petralia noted the desire to complete many of these projects over the summer, so slotting time for everything should be considered. Dr. Marion responded that a 3 or 4 day installation should not be difficult to schedule.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked for a confirmation that this was unrelated to solar panel project. Mr. Pfau confirmed it was.

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tsetsilas, that the Board move forward with the lightbulb and fixture replacement as documented in the Energy Management Consultants Report for Eversource for which the school district would not be paying funds up front nor pay any additional funds over the 2 year payback period. Discussion. Vote: 5-0

Dr. Marion added during the motion that he appreciated the advocacey of the Rye Energy Committee and the Board encourages the consultants and administration to move as quickly as possible so this could occur over the summer.

Mr. Pfau explained the town asked the Energy Committee to investigate solar. Mr. Pfau noted that 10 or 12 years ago, the town created a master plan to reduce carbon emissions. The town discovered the schools have

done much to reduce usage, but it hasn't helped much. Mr. Pfau explained 1/3 of the emissions come from electricity and the schools use the most, RES 25% and RJH 22% of the carbon emission to the town.

Mr. Pfau explained there is reason to explore solar. Mr. Pfau mentioned there are two options.

Mr. Pfau explained a central system would be an option and would take 3 acres of land for the town, 2 acres just for the schools. Mr. Pfau added that the downside would be that the electricity has to be distributed to the locations using it, which adds additional cost. Mr. Pfau summarized that you don't save as much as a decentralized system where the panels are located on the facility.

Mr. Pfau then reviewed an illustration which shows where the panels could be placed on the building. Mr. Pfau said that would contribute an estimated 60 % of the buildings power. Dr. Marion asked when the illustration was done. Mr. Pfau explained the evaluation was about a year ago. Mr. Pfau added that with the new savings from LEDs, the contribution could increase up to 80%.

Mr. Pfau also spoke with Jim Gordon and explained that the roof of the Junior High School might be able to hold panels, but more research was needed.

Mr. Pfau explained that they meet with the historic commission and reviewed the stipulation that solar panels couldn't be seen from the street. Ms. Moynahan noted that when the renovations were done years ago, they learned since the schools are public buildings, the stipulation may not pertain to the schools. Mr. Pfau added the Historic Commission explained their preference on solar panels but acknowledged that the Energy Committee would need to go to the school board.

Mr. Pfau noted that there was a new product that allowed the panels to be covered with a film that could look like the shingles on the building.

Mr. Pfau said the town asked them to look at both the centralized and hybrid systems. Mr. Pfau explained he was asking to include the schools in the proposal. Ms. Honda said yes to including the schools.

Mr. Pfau reviewed the timeline and process. Dr. Marion noted that the town and the schools may need to have separate warrants. Mr. Pfau said they will ask the vendors to make recommendations on the systems and process.

Ms. Honda asked that Dr. Marion be the point of contact for the School Board and said the board was on board with the project. Mr. Pfau mentioned they have also considered the free panels once offered to the schools and those panels could be integrated with a credited applied toward the final costs.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked what the implementation time would be for an installation. Mr. Pfau noted maybe a couple of weeks. Ms. Moynahan asked if this could be done during school year. Dr. Marion noted there would be some heavy equipment and Ms. Honda noted the timeframe was still a long way off.

Ms. Honda drew discussion to a close.

Approval of Minutes (34:23)

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tsetsilas, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Rye School Board on May 15th at 3pm, held with the teaching staff. Discussion. Vote: 3-0-2

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tsetsilas, to approve minutes for the Rye School Board Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as amended. Discussion. Vote: 4-0-1

COMMUNICATIONS (36:40)

Mr. Petralia included two communications. Mr. Petralia reviewed the first communication--a letter from the Association of Coastal Teachers - Rye, requesting to open negotiations for a successor agreement. Mr. Petralia added that he, Dr. Marion and Ms. Honda will be responding.

Mr. Petralia said the second letter was an informative letter from Ann Gilbert the ELA teacher at Rye Junior High, who has been enrolled with SNU and will complete her studies in a master's program, this summer. Mr. Petralia noted she will then advance to the higher salary rate. Dr. Marion commended Ms. Gilbert for pursuing an advanced degree while teaching and serving on a school board.

Mr. Petralia noted Ms. Jackie Defreze has advanced on the higher track and Jen Sabine has enrolled as well, both from Rye Elementary School.

Mr. Petralia mentioned that this past Friday the SAU had an on sight visit from a Representative of the New Hampshire Department of Education. Mr. Petralia explained that this was a review according to Federal Fiscal Monitoring Report. Mr. Petralia noted the report was received today and included in the board packet. Mr. Petralia explained they would be making the revisions and edits, according to statutes.

Superintendent Report (39.44)

Mr. Petralia thanked the school board who attended the last Joint School Administrative Board and added that it was very engaging conversation.

Mr. Petralia explained that Ms. Mindy Ryan has accepted the offer of employment and they have selected two half days for training at the end of June. Ms. Ransom will be available via phone to assist Ms. Ryan. Mr. Petralia said Ms. Ryan will begin full time on July 1st.

Mr. Petralia explained Mr. Brain Grattan began today and his duties will be to review the Data Governance Plan and engage with staff while school is still in session. Mr. Petralia explained that Mr. Grattan will be in the office space previously used by Ms. Killen. Ms. Killen and Ms. Reinhardt will now share a space on the first floor of the SAU.

Mr. Petralia congratulated Ms. Soucy and staff for a wonderful 5th and 6th Grade Open House, last Wednesday.

Mr. Petralia expressed his excitement to announce that 7 out of the Top 10 Graduates at Portsmouth High School were from the SAU 50. Mr. Petralia then explained that he reviewed the State Assessments with Ms. Killen and was amazed at how many students moved from a level 3 to a level 4 score. He added that the level 4 was the highest. Mr. Petralia noted that in the grade 6 ELA, 100 Percentage of the students scored in the level 3 or 4. Mr. Petralia noted and praised the staff for their efforts.

Mr. Petralia recapped the graduation celebrations, noting the clap-outs for the graduating seniors, in their cap and gowns, at their elementary schools. Mr. Petralia attended the graduation ceremony and noted the staff did a great job and explained that over \$330,000 in scholarships were awarded to this year's Senior class.

Mr. Petralia mentioned the final decision on the ConVal Lawsuit, which found the current formula for funding as unconstitutional and the courts were leaving it to our state legislature to make amendments or revise how state funding for schools would be managed.

Mr. Petralia reviewed location options for the School Board Retreat on August 1st, explain that the town library was not available.

Dr. Marion noted that the Board should decide on the location soon. Ms. Honda noted that recording would probably be preferable. Ms. Tsetsilas asked if the public safety building had air-conditioning and noted having air-conditioning was preferred. Ms. Honda noted that due to the time of year, air conditioning would be considered.

Assistant Superintendent Report (48:14)

Ms. Killen pointed out the status of the current year curriculum plan and noted the things that had been accomplished and some added items. Ms. Killen noted a couple of changes, including the need to have a Curriculum Committee to oversee representation from all the schools. Ms. Killen explained the second change involved the training for each grade level during the early release days. Ms. Killen will continue to meet with them next year to give personal support.

Dr. Marion asked what NPS was on the report and Ms. Killen explained it was Newington Public School.

Ms. Killen noted the 9 students opted out of the testing. Ms. Killen noted that there were 2 reports. Ms. Killen reviewed the graphs on the testing. She explained that in Math, students scored very high, especially in the 5th grade, where 79% of the students scored with the level 4. Ms. Killen added that in science 43% scored as proficient last year and this year that was 57%. Dr. Marion noted that everyone should keep in mind there are always some errors associated with testing and scoring.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked if Killen had seen numbers like this before. Ms. Killen noted she had not. Ms. Tsetsilas noted that in the cases where students scored in the level 1 area would there be additional support options for those students. Ms. Killen explained that teachers do not use this test for planning or instructional points in the day to day learning, but it is considered by the teachers in the fall.

Dr. Marion said that whatever the type of testing the results should be considered in the fall planning.

Ms. Lull noted those in the red area would often be in summer school.

Ms. Honda pointed out that the state average decreased but our scores increased. Ms. Lull mentioned that the teachers felt the test was also more difficult this year. Dr. Marion noted that the teachers took the test seriously, so the students did as well. Ms. Honda said the board offers support moving forward and thanked everyone.

Ms. Killen mentioned the professional development reports for Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High, as well as, the end of year report for pupil services. Ms. Tsetsilas noted there seemed to be some allowances for non-academic training which support the whole child and that was a sign of the times and changes in developmental needs.

Ms. Killen mentioned her other items were slotted for later.

Principal Report (39:44)

Ms. Lull highlighted the two Fun Finales and the Step-up for 5th and 6th grade. Ms. Lull mentioned the Fine Arts Showcase.

Ms. Lull recapped the Project Based Learning and provide a report with all the programs. She reviewed the programs like the kindergarten program 'It Takes a Village'. Ms. Lull reviewed first grade project on protecting the estuaries.

Ms. Lull noted that the 2nd grade created a fabulous project on beehives. Ms. Lull said the third grade had an animal unit on zoo habits in which they visited a Zoo then wrote letters to the Zookeepers, on how to improve habitats.

Ms. Lull covered the 4th grade shark tank and how the 5th grade identified a question and used the scientific method to solve it.

Ms. Honda asked if the plan would be the same, next year. Ms. Lull noted that there were other projects and that some may keep the same projects for next year while others would change.

Ms. Tsetsilas said the project work was great and noted it was nice to have a volunteer thank you at school assembly.

Dr. Marion asked about the effort to move from a question being provided verses creating their own questions in their project based learning. Ms. Lull said this was a start, some projects were curriculum driven and in different grades students were developing their own questions.

Ms. Soucy reviewed the 8th grade trip and explained that the 7th grade might add a community service piece and they are already discussing having the 7th grade work on the planning a year before the trip, in order take on more ownership. Ms. Soucy reviewed the activities for the 7th grade while the 8th and 6th were on trips. She reviewed the activities like having a tasting at a kitchen, making t-shirts, having the last dance, during the school day.

Ms. Soucy covered the 6th grade trip to Hurricane Island and explained the kids couldn't present tonight. Ms. Soucy explained the students were motivated to get a dishwasher for the school and eliminate straws.

Ms. Soucy noted approximately 115 parents and students at the Open House and mentioned the great presentation by Arron Scogin. Ms. Soucy explained that the students came in to meet advisors and toured the school, last Friday. Ms. Soucy added that 4 of 9 New Castle students were moving over to RJH.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked if there were any unanswered questions from parents. Ms. Soucy said not that she is aware of.

Dr. Marion asked how many 4th and 5th graders were transitioning out of the schools. Ms. Lull and Ms. Soucy said none of the 4th grade students were moving out but 6 of the 40, 5th graders were.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (1:16:55)

Review Kindergarten Enrollment Numbers

Ms. Lull said the current enrollment was 35 for kindergarten. Ms. Honda questions if that meant 2 teachers and Ms. Lull responded it was to be determined. Dr. Marion expressed that 2 teachers for that number met the guidelines. Ms. Lull expressed that those would be large classrooms for kindergarten. Dr. Marion asked about having a paraprofessional for each class. Ms. Lull mentioned that the paraprofessionals do not work on the reading and noted that a summer hadn't gone by without addition students enrolling and it could be as many as 5 additions.

Ms. Lull added that she feels there should be 3 teachers. Ms. Lull noted that there will be 11 students in 3 classes for the 6th grade, next year and felt the kindergarten should have those numbers. She added that the higher you go in the school the higher the number of students could be but the lower grades should have low classroom numbers.

Dr. Marion suggested that there are resources within the building. Ms. Lull noted she felt those in upper grades aren't the best fit for the lower.

Mr. Petralia added the idea of the board approving a Paraprofessional who has the skills and experience in early childhood education.

Ms. Tsetsilas noted these are difficult numbers to work with and the solutions isn't easy.

Ms. Moynahan agreed with Ms. Lull that there are so many things a teacher must do in the classrooms that a Paraprofessional can't do. Ms. Moynahan added that scrambling to hire in the fall isn't easy. Ms. Moynahan noted the importance of relying on the principals to let the Board know their needs. Ms. Crapo said she agreed.

Ms. Lull noted that if she had to reallocate staff, she would move a staff up to the Junior High and then hire a third teacher. Ms. Honda said we are challenged because there are other grades with similar numbers.

Ms. Crapo reminded everyone how over the year we have asked ourselves why people don't send their children to our school and the size of the class can effect whether people do.

Dr. Marion said he agreed that having three teachers is beneficial but compared to other schools, we are smaller.

Ms. Killen explained that the certified teacher creates the plan for the paraprofessional and what you are doing is giving the teacher support for secretary type duties and the teacher still must supervise and create the plan.

Ms. Crapo asked Ms. Lull what she would like the Board to do and Ms. Lull responded that she preferred no more than 16 students in the kindergarten class.

Ms. Crapo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moynihan, to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher. Discussion. Vote: 4:1

DISCUSSION

Ms. Tsetsilas noted we are setting parents up for small classes and the board should keep that in mind. Ms. Honda said we should be honest with parents and ourselves about class size and plan. Dr. Marion reminded the board that the numbers could go down and we can't hire a person on a one-year contract.

Ms. Lull mentioned that if we changed to a multi-age teaching model and created a team-teaching program that would help, but it couldn't happen for this next year.

Ms. Moynahan felt a one-year hire was an option.

Mr. Petralia noted for the record that he doesn't favor the recommendation and that with current enrollment numbers, we are still within the guidelines. He added that we don't know what is coming up through early intervention or preschool in the way of student needs, which might warrant a new staff member.

Dr. Marion asked if the Board would accept public comment and Ms. Honda opened the floor to public comment.

Ms. Curtain read a letter she wrote about the possibility of reducing the staff size. Ms. Curtain mentioned that size impacts quality, the first 3 years are the most important and there are no do overs. Ms. Curtain explained that we don't know the students coming in and we don't understand their needs. Ms. Curtain noted the importance of early intervention and the impact on the teachers. Ms. Curtain explained that the class size is a reason parents move to Rye and we shouldn't compromise that.

Ms. Papoutsy, Rye resident and teacher, mentioned she recalled the decision to have three teachers for the smaller 6th grade class and the promise that it wouldn't come at the expense of the Elementary. Ms. Papoutsy added that in the Elementary school, the kindergarten students are small.

Dr. Marion noted for the record that he will vote against this motion, but he agrees that we should have three teachers however he believes there are resources in the school. Dr. Marion expressed that he cares about the kids and the school.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked if there were funds in the budget for this new position.

Mr. Petralia noted that funding is affected by changes in health care and efficiencies could be found. Mr. Petralia will be looking into the expense side. Mr. Petralia reiterated his thoughts on an early education certified Paraprofessional.

Ms. Crapo, Mr. Petralia and Ms. Lull discussed the certification needs and current staff.

Dr. Marion noted that there is no research to support the affect of class size in our scenario.

Ms. Jones, a parent in Rye, asked if the numbers per grade are leveling off and added her support of having small numbers at the lower level until you get a feel for the class and switches could happen once you know the dynamic of the grade.

Ms. Honda brought back the motion

Rye Recreation Contract (1:50:11)

Mr. Petralia reported that the draft agreement was with Lee Arthur and she had forwarded it to her board of governors. Mr. Petralia had not heard. Mr. Petralia planned to send a follow-up.

Parent Survey Parent Focus Group Update (1:51:16)

Dr. Marion reviewed the plan to have the four focus groups at Rye Elementary School and two focus groups at Rye Junior High. Dr. Marion noted that only 10 from the 80 random sampling, responded to the communication. Dr. Marion said the time of year affected the turn out but the question now would be how to roll this over to next year and start the process earlier.

Ms. Honda asked how we pay this out. Ms. Petralia explained he didn't have an executed contract. Dr. Marion suggested having the work completed to date invoiced and paid this year and table the remaining work.

Ms. Crapo asked how people were notified. Dr. Marion reviewed the process and the response that he received. Ms. Crapo asked for those to be forwarded and recorded to show the work done. Ms. Moynahan noted the invoice needs to be submitted quickly.

Ms. Tsetsilas expressed thanks for the effort.

NEW BUSINESS (1:58:12)

Rye Elementary Sinks

Ms. Crapo expressed we could use the unreserved fund balance to add filters to the classroom sinks.

Ms. Lull explained they tested a sampling of sinks and only one sink didn't pass.

Ms. Moynahan mentioned that we need something signed by June 30th to spend this.

Ms. Crapo added her concern that the students wash their hands in a sink they can't drink from. She added that she believed the costs for the filters would be presented tonight.

Ms. Lull, Ms. Crapo and Ms. Moynahan reviewed the number of sinks involved.

Dr. Marion expressed that if the sinks passed testing that using the funds towards a new teacher was his preference.

Ms. Crapo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marion, to authorize up to \$1,500.00 for faucet water filters for the classroom sinks from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Discussion. Vote: 5:0.

Data Governance Plan (2:05:52)

Ms. Killen provided copies of the draft of the Data Governance Plan and noted that it was the same as the SAU Administration Data Governance Plan only edited to read Rye instead of SAU. Ms. Honda asked for confirmation that this document reflects what was required.

Ms. Tsetsilas moved, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, to approve the Draft Data Governance Plan dated June 2019. Discussion. Vote 5:0

Employee Handbook (2:06:49)

Ms. Killen reviewed the Employee Handbook and noted that it was updated from the SAU administration Handbook to say Rye School District and included the Rye School Year Calendar. Ms. Killian added the Benefit Guidelines was also included.

Dr. Marion moved, seconded by Ms. Moynahan. to adopt the Rye Employee Benefits Guide and Rye Employee Handbook. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

World Language Staff Search (2:08:33)

Ms. Soucy explained that interviews were held last week and they are checking references.

Rye Election Location (2:08:52)

Ms. Tsetsilas explained that after site visits and discussion the committee decided that elections will continue to take place at Rye Elementary. Ms Tsetsilas noted that the Committee took into account the concerns for safety and they would look into what the exact safety concerns were and how to address.

Unassigned Fund Balance (2:11:15)

Ms. Honda announced the reported Unassigned Fund balance as \$159,901.58. Dr. Marion added that this could go up or down slightly depending on the final tuition figures.

New Boiler (2:12:27)

Ms. Honda noted there was one quote in the packet for a boiler replacement. Dr. Marion reminded the Board this was a recommendation from the Budget Committee.

Ms. Moynahan asked if this boiler could be converted for heating water and should the radiators be changed at the same time. Dr. Marion asked that Mr. Petralia confirm that this quote was for a boiler that can be converted.

Ms. Honda asked if the previous vendor was approached. Mr. Petralia noted this quote was from a vendor working in Greenland and the previous vendor was being pursued as well.

Dr. Marion noted that the cost seemed much less than the previous boiler. Dr. Marion and Ms. Moynahan mentioned they didn't think the asbestos around the boiler had been removed. Ms. Crapo mentioned the quote was too low and didn't seem to cover everything needed, like an onsite dumpster and she felt it should be all inclusive. Ms. Honda explained that the money needed to be approved now and we could approve an up to amount.

Ms. Crapo mentioned the pavement patchwork and noted she was waiting for Jim Gordon. Mr. Petralia said he would follow-up on the pavement and the sink filters.

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crapo, to authorize the expenditures for a well specified boiler replacement for up to \$160,000.00 to be drawn equally from the Unassigned Fund Balance and the School Property Maintenance Fund. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

Ms. Moynahan mentioned the \$1,193.00 in the Tuition Expendable Trust and asked if the board should close the fund or keep it open. The board agreed to keep the trust.

Personnel

Mr. Petralia presented the nomination of Meagan Whitney for the 6th Grade Math/Social Studies Teaching Position for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Tsetsilas made a motion, second by Ms. Moynahan, to accept the nomination of Meagan Whitney for the 6th Grade Math/Social Studies Teaching Position for the 2019-2020 school year. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

Other

Ms. Soucy asked the board to approve grant funds to send a group to the iNACOL Conference in the fall. Ms. Soucy said they would take one staff member from each grade. Ms. Soucy mentioned the theme was 'Shining a Light on the Future of Learning.' And the conference was planned for Oct. 28-31, 2019. Ms. Tsetsilas asked about the need for substitutes and Ms. Lull mentioned they would start looking for substitutes immediately

Dr. Marion moved, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, to authorize sending up to 8 teachers and 2 administrators to attend the iNACOL Conference. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

REPORTING COMMITTEES (2:36:18)

Rye Education Foundation

Ms. Crapo reviewed the students who participated in the Margaret Kelly Scholarship and the winner was Cameron Morrissey who wrote about Mr. Ross at Rye Elementary. Dr. Marion asked how much was awarded and Ms Crapo said this year's scholarship was \$1500.00. Ms. Crapo reviewed the history of the foundation and funding.

PTA

Ms. Tsetsilas explained the PTA had their end of year celebration, they have a full board and mentioned they would like to attend the last staff meeting at Rye Junior High to discuss having after school enrichment for the 5th and 6th graders. Ms. Lull added the PTA had a great Bike Rodeo.

Budget

Dr. Marion explained they had a meeting a few weeks ago and the school budget was well received.

SAU Technology Committee

Mr. Petralia noted that the sub-committee has met several times on the Data Governance Plan and they were instrumental in the document presented tonight. Mr. Petralia added that Brian Grattan will head up the committee beginning in the next fiscal year.

Rye Recreation

Ms. Tsetsilas noted that Lee Arthur hasn't been able to confirm the use of Rye Congregational. Ms. Tsetsilas and Ms. Arthur plan to meet with Ms. Soucy regarding options for space at Rye Junior High. Ms. Crapo mentioned she spoke to the Treasure at the Congregational church to expedite things for Rye Recreation.

Policies (2:43:48)

DAF

Ms. Moynahan noted the Board was advised these follow the statutes and not to do anything with these.

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crapo to adopt the DAF grant management policy. Discussion. Vote: 5:0.

GBCDA

Ms. Moynahan noted the volunteer application form, which includes background information, but no fingerprinting. Ms. Moynahan mentioned that fingerprinting isn't mentioned in the GBCDA. Ms. Honda noted that the word Volunteer should be taking out of the first policy and contractors would need to provide proof of fingerprinting or get their fingerprinting done.

Ms. Curtain shared how her school handles their volunteers and the need for fingerprinting.

Ms. Moynahan explained GBCDA should cover those alone with students or working as a contractor on the school grounds.

Ms. Honda added that fingerprint would need to be done or provided by the employer.

Ms. Crapo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, to approve the GBCDA as amended with changes for a second reading. Discussion. Vote: 5:0.

Ms. Crapo made a motion, seconded Dr. Marion, to approve the IJOC-R as amended for a first reading. Discussion. Vote: 5:0.

IMG

Ms. Moynahan recapped the response from Primex that they would probably cover service animals but not able to provide written confirmation. Ms Crapo noted an individual she knew who went through the process for a therapy animal but is not going to continue. Ms. Killen explained how therapy animals would be included in a medical treatment plan for a student through an IEP or 504. Ms. Killen noted the SAU had no policy for outside animal groups to come in for event or a learning project. Ms. Moynahan noted the there was a Service Animal Policy.

Ms. Crapo motioned, seconded by Dr. Marion, to table policy IMG. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

Approval of Manifests (3:02:35)

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crapo, to approve the Manifest Voucher dated May 9-24, 2019 in the amount \$311,342.40. Discussion. Vote: 5:0.

Ms. Moynahan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marion, to approve the Manifest Voucher dated May 25-June 4, 2019 in the amount \$314,299.49. Discussion. Vote: 5:0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (3:05:03)

On a motion made by Ms. Crapo, seconded by Dr. Marion, the Board entered non-public session at 8:09 p.m., in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c and d). Vote: 5:0.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Marion, seconded by Mrs. Moynahan, to re-enter into Public Session and seal the Non-Public Session minutes. Vote: 5-0

On a motion by Dr. Marion, seconded by Mrs. Moynahan, to grant authority to Superintendent Petralia, in consultation with the Board Chairperson, to extend employment agreements to professional staff being recommended by building principals prior to the next school board meeting in August. Vote: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Marion, seconded by Ms. Crapo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Vote: 5-0

*Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Panek
June 17, 2019*



Paula Tsetsilas, Secretary

8/1/19

Date