



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 22, 2020 at 5:30 pm**

Present: Robert Best (Chairman), Patty Humphrey (Vice-Chairman), Sue Lawton (Secretary), Kimberly Lavalley, Scott Perron, Kristy Ouellette, Maureen Mooney (ex-officio), Gini Nichols (faculty representative), Connor MacFarland (student representative), Lauren Brouillette (clerk)

Absent: Kyle Fox, Barbara Comtois (Treasurer)

Call to Order: 5:34pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Best

Moment of Silence: Robert Best

Reading of the [Mission Statement](#): Robert Best

Chairman Best calls for addressing item 7d (Parent Organization Report) at this time.

1. Elizabeth Sanville presents.
  - a. At their January 7th meeting the PTSA was dissolved.
  - b. NH PTS representative Jillian Godbout attended the meeting.
  - c. The group indicated the national PTA restricted their ability to fund a number of school projects.
  - d. NH PTA representative Jillian Godbout indicated any remaining funds must go to another PTA. They voted and will send the remaining balance to Next Charter School PTA.
    - i. National PTS Bylaws indicate remaining funds should be directed to a 501c-3. They do not specify it must be a PTA.
    - ii. The vote regarding the remaining balance will stand. The incorrect information provided by New Hampshire PTA at the meeting came after the group was dissolved. They will stand by the original vote regarding the funds.
  - e. Your officers are: Elizabeth Sanville, President, Susan Lawton, Vice- President of Membership, Tom Hout and Cassie McNalley, Co-Vice-Presidents of Fundraising, Scott Perron, Treasurer, and Francesca V., Secretary. The new group looks forward to supporting a variety of projects at the school.
  - f. All Board members expressed support for the new group.

1. Secretary's Report (5:50pm)
  - a. [October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - b. **MOTION:** Kristy Ouellette motions to adopt the October minutes, Scott Perron seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes (6:0:0).
2. Treasurer's Report: See [here](#) (5:51pm)
  - a. Kim Lavallee presents in lieu of Barbara Comtois.
  - b. Our overall year today and budget continue to be on track. Student enrollment is very close to the projected number.
  - c. Just a reminder that our revenue runs on a 9 month accrual basis, and expenses are year round (12 months).
  - d. **MOTION:** Sue Lawton motions to approve the report, Patty Humphrey seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes (6:0:0).
3. Dean's Report: See [here](#) (5:53pm)
  - a. Dean Mooney presents.
  - b. 3 members of the cast of Fiddler on the Roof Jr. share their experience of being in the musical. (Andrew C., Brendon S., Francesca V.).
  - c. Mr. Kline and Mr. Ste. Croix present on the [ELA curriculum](#).
    - i. Discussion on common assessments across different sections.
4. Faculty Representative's Report: See [here](#) (6:27pm)
  - a. Gini Nichols presents.
5. Student Trustee's Report: See [here](#) (6:31pm)
  - a. Connor MacFarland presents.
6. Board Business: (6:37pm)
  - a. Policy Committee
    - i. Second Reading: [JBAA](#) (in addition to existing GBAA)
      1. Students and teachers were separated for clarity.
      2. Reminder that this is a required policy, and nothing was changed from the last reading because we wanted to make sure we were in line with the legal requirements.
      3. . Several suggestions were discussed.
      4. The Board agrees to delay consideration until the next meeting to potentially edit it with the things discussed above.
    - ii. Second Reading: [The Founders Academy Parent Steering Committee](#)
      1. Changing verbiage from parent "steering" to parent "advisory" committee to match the charter.
      2. **MOTION:** Sue Lawton motions to adopt the policy as edited, Kim Lavallee seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes (6:0:0).
    - iii. Proposed Amendments to: [Admissions Policy](#)

1. This policy is taken from the website page and is out of date with current practices.
2. This is the first reading, and the second reading will take place at the next meeting.

7. New Business: (6:57pm)

- a. Discussion on Manchester 5th Graders incrementally moving to middle schools.
  - i. Dean Mooney: in Manchester public schools 5th grade is moving to middle school. We do get some inquiries about Founders doing the same, which was discussed in a board meeting a couple months ago. This would require a change to the charter and review of the five-year plan and facility.
  - ii. Scott Perron suggests putting into the Admissions Policy under review above that there may be exceptions to having completed the prior year, as we have a few current students who did skip 5th grade.
  - iii. Discussion on the pros and cons of allowing 5th grade, and no action is taken at this time.
- b. Discussion of Personal Finance as a graduation requirement
  - i. Ms. Nichols presents. The requirement is accounting OR personal finance, and she proposes a change to having personal finance be mandatory alone and accounting becoming an elective. Mentions an organization (Jumpstart) that will give the school \$10,000 if we make it a stand-alone requirement.
    1. Ms. Nichols had spoken about this to the Curriculum Committee already and they were opposed to making this change in the charter at this point.
  - ii. Discussion on pros and cons of making Personal Finance required versus just making more available for students to take. (Offered in both semesters as opposed to only one.)
  - iii. Will of the board is to allow Ms. Nichols and/or the Curriculum Committee to gather information on the student demand for more personal finance classes and this will be discussed in future Board meetings.
- c. Mission Committee Report
  - i. Patty Humphrey defers her report to the next meeting in the interest of time.
- d. Parent Organization Report
  - i. Addressed above.

8. Public Comments: See Policy [BEDH](#)

- a. No public comments.

9. Non-public session: (8:13pm)

- a. Convened according to RSA 91A:3 a, c, and l.

- b. Maureen Mooney, Lauren Brouillette, Cassie Hayes, Chris Kline, Stuart Ste. Croix, and Greg McKenzie are invited to stay.
  - c. **MOTION:** Scott Perron motions to enter non-public session, Patty Humphrey seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes (6:0:0).
  - d. **MOTION:** Scott Perron motions to exit and seal non-public session, Patty Humphrey seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes (6:0:0).
  - e. ACTION: The board voted to unanimously approve an offer of employment.
10. **Next Meeting:** March 18, 2020 at 5:30pm