

**SOUTHPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
For November 7, 2016 Meeting**

Members: Kathy Tibbetts, Adam Harkins (4:20), Jane Mulholland. Administrators: Superintendent Eileen King; Asst. Superintendent Shawn Carlson; Principal Marcelle Durost.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. on the above date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jane Mulholland moved and Kathy Tibbetts seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 17th meeting.

Motion Approved 2-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences scheduled from November 14 to 22nd.

Community Volunteer: Kay McLeod, a volunteer, has been working with our students from grades Pre-K to grade 3. Kay is a retired science teacher as well as a Director of Science for a large school district in North Carolina. Kay has visited Southport for the past 10 years and stays at Rachel Carlson's residence. Kay has worked with my class as we have studied the pond. Students have learned about the PH, oxygen level, clarity, and water temperature of the pond. They have also learned about how ponds can be overtaken by plant growth, in this case the cattails, and how over time the pond could form into land. Kay had her microscope and students looked at micro and macro organisms. Kay has worked with the Pre-K- Kindergarten class finding and identifying pill bugs. She plans to be with us a few more days before she heads back south for the holidays. We are very fortunate to have someone of her expertise volunteering her time and resources to our students. I will share the books she has donated at the Board Meeting.

Resident Donor to our Music Program- We have an anonymous resident, who donated used instruments as well as a \$1000.00 for repairs. This will create opportunities for our students to learn about different instruments before they select one in grade 4. It will also help students and parents who may not have the funds to purchase a new instrument. Mr. Ogden is taking care of the repairs and instruments through our music contractor.

Family Night- November 30th – 5:30-7:00 Board Members are Welcome. As part of our School Action Plan, we want to provide more opportunities for parents and students to be at school. Our first Family Night will focus on the impact that video gaming, YouTube, and other Internet games may have on children. Mrs. Fowlie will be making the presentation to the parents. From 5:30-6:00 families will have supper together in the cafeteria. Then from 6:00-7:00 parents will be with Mrs. Fowlie and the children will be with the teachers doing fun activities. We will provide parents an opportunity to share with us what they may like information about or different activities they may like for our next Family Night. We are planning to have a Family Night each trimester.

MPA Conference – Marcelle is attending the Fall MPA conference November 17-18.

SIA Holiday Lighting - December 2nd 4:30 @ Southport General Store

Holiday Concert- December 12th, Monday 6:00 Town Hall

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Eileen discussed the current budget balance of \$738,040 (77%) remaining. Eileen shared Dave Benner's update regarding year round water. A flow switch to alarm N.E.S. to the sprinkler system is to be completed for \$1,156. This should be the final water service cost and the project will be complete. Eileen reviewed the tuition list and the first FY 2018 proposed budget as well as the projected contracted services breakdown. Eileen reviewed MSMA insurance recommendations regarding parents transporting students on field trips.

Eileen discussed Redefining Ready, a national campaign launched by the AASA (The School Superintendents Association) to introduce new research-based metrics to more appropriately assess that students are college ready, career ready and life ready.

Eileen also discussed ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act, signed into law Dec. 10, 2015, replacing and updating NCLB. ESSA rolls back much of the federal government's regulation in education policy and allows states to pick their own goals, both long-term, short-term and interim. ESSA takes full effect in the 2017-18 school year and the state will have to submit accountability plans to the Education Dept.

Shawn reviewed policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB, ACAB-R, ACAD, ADAA, ADC, ADC-R, and ADF to bring SCS policy book up to date.

ITEMS RECEIVING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Kathy Tibbetts moved and Jane Mulholland seconded the motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Action Plan.

Motion approved 3-0

NEXT MEETING

Next school committee meetings will be at SCS:

- 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 5th
- 4:00 p.m. Monday, January 9th with the Budget Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Tibbetts moved and Adam Harkins seconded the motion to adjourn meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Motion approved 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen King, Superintendent