



NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 25, 2017

7:00 PM Business Meeting

Central Admin Building-Conference Room
100 Romano Vineyard Way, Suite 120, North Kingstown

~Minutes~

I. Meeting Organization

A. Call to Order

The School Committee Business Meeting of April 25, 2017 was called to order by Chairman Blasbalg at 7:00 pm in the Central Administration Building.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gregory Blasbalg	Chairman	Present	
Robert Jones	Vice Chairman	Present	
Jennifer Hoskins	School Committee Member	Present	
Sheila McGauvran	School Committee Member	Present	
Reina Stevens	School Committee Member	Present	
Sally Schott	Jamestown Representative	Absent	
Josh Neronha	Student Representative	Present	
Phil Auger	Superintendent of Schools	Present	
Michele Humbyrd	Assistant Superintendent	Present	
Mary King	Director of Administrative Services	Present	
Mary Ann Carroll	School Committee Attorney	Absent	
Amy Healey	School Committee Clerk	Present	

D. Calendars

1. Calendar

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - SELAC Meeting @ Davisville Academy, 12:00pm

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - School Committee Business Meeting, 7:00pm

E. Presentations/Recognitions

Dr. Auger announced that the North Kingstown School District 2017 Annual Report has been published and hard copies are being mailed to all North Kingstown and Jamestown households. It will also be on the district website.

1. e-rate Special Construction Update 4.25.17**ATTACHMENTS:**

- e-rate Special Construction Update 4.25.17 (PDF)

Mr. Waterman presented an update on e-rate Special Construction. There were 2 bids submitted; by Cox Communications and OSHEAN. Mr. Waterman explained his recommendation of OSHEAN for the project. The bids came in much less than projected. The presentation included:

- What We Currently Have
- Special Construction Cost
- Summary of Annual Recurring Charges
- Ten Year Payment Projections
- RITEAF: Funding History
- Other Benefits

Mr. Blasbalg asked Mr. Waterman questions about e-rate. He noted that this is a major expenditure which is not budgeted but would come out of fund balance. He suggested that it may be best to think over this matter and vote on it at the next meeting.

Mrs. McGauvran pointed out that the District has so many other capital needs.

Mr. Jones noted that this is an example of the District getting ahead on a project and making an investment in future needs.

Ms. Stevens said that she like the fact that the project included disaster recovery.

Dr. Auger said that the District is expanding its use of technology. This plan would allow for control over expansion.

Mrs. McGauvran asked whether the high school offers online courses.

Dr. Humbyrd explained that there are some online and RI network courses offered. There are plans to expand these offerings.

Mrs. King noted that this project has a potential return on investment.

2. NKSD Website Selection Presentation 4.25.17**ATTACHMENTS:**

- NKSD Website Selection Presentation 4.25.17 (PDF)

Mr. Waterman explained that the contract with *Edline* is expiring at the end of June for the school district's website. The presentation included:

- The Selection Team, Process and Timeline
- Rankings of the 7 vendors reviewed
- Pricing
- Vendor Presentations
- Selected Vendor

II. Citizen's Comments

Jacob Mather, Hamilton Elementary School Parent & PTO President

Mr. Mather spoke in favor of the donation being offered by the Kitchen and Counter Center of New England for a new kitchen in the teachers' lounge at Hamilton. He praised the generosity of the gift and suggested that it does not create inequity among schools.

III. Routine Items

(For Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held this evening.

1. Seal Executive Session Minutes of April 25, 2017
2. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes of April 25, 2017

Consent Agenda

Mrs. McGauvran exempted Consent Item C1. Mr. Blasbalg exempted Consent Items C6, C7 and C8.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve all non exempted Consent Items. Mrs. McGauvran seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Reina Stevens, School Committee Member
SECONDER:	Sheila McGauvran, School Committee Member
AYES:	Blasbalg, Jones, Hoskins, McGauvran, Stevens

B. Minutes Approval

1. Executive Session Minutes of April 11, 2017
2. Business Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017

C. Approval of Bids and Awards

1. 3769: Exempted from Consent
2. SC Approval of Edlio Inc.
ATTACHMENTS:
 - North Kingstown School District Agreement SC 4_25 (00000003) (PDF)
 - Top Four Webpage and Hosting Vendors (PDF)
3. SC Approval of School Messenger Renewal
ATTACHMENTS:
 - Purchase_Justification School Messenger (PDF)
 - SchoolMessenger Quote - North Kingstown School Dept 2 year (PDF)
 - School Messenger Renewal (PDF)
4. SC Approval of Waiver of Residency Requirements - Bus Contractor 4.25.17
ATTACHMENTS:
 - EEA 1-Bus Contractor Selection 6 14 16 (PDF)
5. SC Approval of Siemens Fire Device Replacement DMS/WMS 4.25.17
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 - SC Approval of Replacement of Siemens Fire Devices DMS.WMS 4.25.17 (PDF)
6. 3755: Exempted from Consent
7. 3754: Exempted from Consent
8. 3753: Exempted from Consent

D. Personnel Items

1. Approval of Appointment
2. Approval of Appointment of NKHS Department Chairpersons
3. Approval of Appointment, Summer Non-Public Textbook Clerk
4. Approval of Appointment, Summer Think Tank Teachers
5. Resignation A
6. Resignation B

7. SC Approval of Settlement Agreement 4.25.17
8. Retirement

End of Consent

E. Donation to Hamilton Elementary School

1. SC Approval of Donation - HES Teachers' Lounge Renovation

ATTACHMENTS:

- SC Approval of Donation of HES Teachers' Lounge Renovation 4.25.17 (PDF)

Mrs. King noted that the kitchen is restricted to heating and warming and is not intended for cooking.

Mrs. McGauvran spoke in favor of accepting the donation provided that all necessary permits and inspections are obtained.

Mr. Blasbalg inquired about the project's time table.

Mr. Mather replied that the project is scheduled to be done over the course of two weekend and not during school hours.

Mrs. King said that all employees will be screened and the company is insured.

Mr. Blasbalg asked whether demolition and removal is included.

Mrs. King replied in the affirmative.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sheila McGauvran, School Committee Member
SECONDER:	Jennifer Hoskins, School Committee Member
AYES:	Blasbalg, Jones, Hoskins, McGauvran, Stevens

IV. Exmpted from Consent

1. SC Approval of eRate Special Construction

ATTACHMENTS:

- NKSD RFP 2018-11 with all addendums (PDF)
- Cox Fiber RFP Response (PDF)
- OSHEAN Fiber RFP Response (PDF)
- SC Fiber Cost Comparison (XLSX)

Mrs. Hoskins said that she agreed that the District needs the expanded capacity for technology and warned that by not looking forward, we risk ending up with a bottle neck as technology advances.

Mrs. McGauvran said that this construction is the foundation for the District's technology initiative. She added that there is a great reliance on technology and said that the proposal should go forward.

Mr. Jones added that the District should not wait for additional information and clarity from the State.

Mr. Blasbalg thanked Mr. Waterman for the two detailed presentations on e-rate. He offered his support and said that this was a good use of capital funds which lays the foundation for our technology.

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SECONDER:	Sheila McGauvran, School Committee Member
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2. Follett and APPLETEXT Encumbering Order for Non Public Text Book Ordering-\$12,500.00 FY18

ATTACHMENTS:

- APPLETEXT encumbering Order Purchase Justification (PDF)
- FOLLETT encumbering Order Purchase Justification (PDF)

Dr. Auger noted that this purchase is aligned with one of the School Committee's goals.

Dr. Humbyrd provided a summary of the licensed or paid programs being used in the District as well as a sampling of supplemental free programs and sites.

Mr. Jones noted that the Follett and AppleTEXT are materials for students who attend private schools.

Dr. Humbyrd replied that providing these materials is mandated by law.

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SECONDER: Reina Stevens, School Committee Member
AYES: Blasbalg, Jones, Hoskins, McGauvran, Stevens

3. Renaissance STAR Subscription Renewal - 31,888.28 - FY18
 ATTACHMENTS:

- Renaissance STAR School Committee Agenda (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sheila McGauvran, School Committee Member
SECONDER: Reina Stevens, School Committee Member
AYES: Blasbalg, Jones, Hoskins, McGauvran, Stevens

4. Lexia Reading Core5 Student Subscription-FY18
 ATTACHMENTS:

- Lexia quote and Purchase Justification (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sheila McGauvran, School Committee Member
SECONDER: Reina Stevens, School Committee Member
AYES: Blasbalg, Jones, Hoskins, McGauvran, Stevens

V. Unfinished Business

(For Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2016-2017 School Budget

B. 2017-2018 School Budget

Mr. Jones asked what the timeline is for the budget review by the Town.

Mrs. King replied that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday night and a budget vote will take place either on Monday, May 1 or Wednesday, May 3.

Mr. Jones asked whether the audit has been completed yet.

Mrs. King replied that it is being worked on but is not yet complete.

C. CIP/Existing Bond/Future Bond

1. Impact of FY18 versus FY19 Bond Referendum

ATTACHMENTS:

- NKSD FY18 Capital Improvement Plan 11.1.16 (PDF)

Mrs. King said that there has been a discussion with the Town regarding potential bond amounts and timing. The Town has asked the School Committee to determine the impact of not seeking General Assembly bonding authority until 2018, with a Town referendum in November 2018. Projects would be started in summer 2019. Mrs. King said that realistically this would be the earlier timetable for tackling large projects. There are smaller projects that will be addressed sooner and paid for with fund balance.

2. Long-term Planning

Mrs. King explained that a Town Council Member has asked for an estimate on the cost to renovate Wickford Middle School (WMS) and asked the School Committee whether they want to seek an estimate from the District's architect.

Mrs. McGauvran noted that the NESDEC study did not recommend a renovation of WMS.

Mrs. King concurred and said that a WMS renovation would not address other school needs.

Mrs. McGauvran added that it is expensive to come up with an estimate and it must be part of a complete review.

Mr. Blasbalg provided context and said that the question was raised during a discussion of potential future closing of WMS. The renovation of WMS is not part of the long term plan and it is too costly to renovate.

Mrs. King said that she has spoken with the architect and he is hesitant to give a square foot cost estimate to renovate an old building without specifics on what renovations would be included.

Mr. Blasbalg pointed out that the problems with WMS are inherent to its last century design and it cannot be configured to be the type of school that the District wants. He added that it is not worth spending money on a renovation review.

Mr. Jones said that the Committee has no intent on spending any money on an option that is not part of the long term plan. He added that ideally the building would be turned over to the Town at some point. Mr. Jones said that there needs to be a consolidation of schools and that a review of WMS takes time and attention away from addressing the real problems.

Dr. Auger provided a history of past efforts to secure bonds for WMS renovations.

VI. New Business

(For Discussion Only)

VII. Reports

A. Special Reports

1. Disposal Notification April 25, 2017

ATTACHMENTS:

- SC Disposal Notification - April 25, 2017 (DOCX)

VIII. Adjourn

Motion To: Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert Jones, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Jennifer Hoskins, School Committee Member
AYES:	Blasbalg, Jones, Hoskins, McGauvran, Stevens

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey
School Committee Clerk

Approved 5-9-17