

**Special Services Committee Meeting
School Department Board Room #2
November 21, 2019
6:00 PM**

Members Present:

Mrs. Karen Stokes, Chair
Mrs. Amy Malone
Mr. Nathaniel Byrne
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. Robert Watson

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Mr. Kyle Repucci
Dr. Sandie MacDonald
Guests & Public

Mrs. Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Malone, moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Enrollment Data – No Action Required

Dr. MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the data.

Bus Data – No Action Required

Dr. MacDonald, reviewed the data. Ridership is holding steady and with the cold weather upon us, we expect more students may be riding the bus. The R5 bus stop for MS/HS at the Salvation Army was moved to the end of Leonard Street for safety reasons and closer to where most students are currently living.

Attendance Data – Challenge 5 – No Action Required

Dr. MacDonald, reviewed the data.

Special Education Update – No Action Required

Mrs. Christiane Allison, Director of Student Services, presented a snapshot of the wish list requested by the Special Services Committee in October.

1. Assistant Director of Special Education
2. School Psychologists
 - a. An additional 10 days a school year
 - b. Different Contractual Scale than Teachers
3. District Program to support students with behavioral challenges at the Middle School Level. A program is between HOPE and RLA.

Mrs. Allison still needs to work out some of the fiscal details. Once those are secured, additional information will be presented to the committee.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results – No Action Required

Ms. Michelle Halligan-Foley, CTE Director, introduced Ms. Nicole Dale, SHS Student Assistance Counselor and Ms. Kaitlin Calculator, RMS Student Assistance Counselor, who reviewed and explained the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Ms. Dale will return in January with the results of the SHS data collected. Ms. Halligan-Foley shared that the Grant that has funded this program is done in June 2020. The students need these positions and therefore is requesting that the Board consider two full time positions in the next school year budget.

RMS Softball Program Proposal –

Mr. Kevin Hebert, Athletic Director, along with Mr. Jeff Grant, Vice President of Rochester Girls Softball League and NH Babe Ruth Softball District Commissioner, reviewed the proposal for adding a self-funded middle school softball program. Brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. Malone, moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to recommend the full Board approve the proposal for adding a self-funded middle school softball program. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Five Year Strategic Plan – No Action Required

Reviewed

Public Comment

None

Other

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Grassie moved, second by Mrs. Malone, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Karen Stokes, Chair