

**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
New Boston, New Hampshire 03070**

**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT MEETING
Wednesday, June 21, 2017 - 6:30 PM**

**New Boston Central School Library
15 Central School Road, New Boston, NH 03070**

PRESENT

SCHOOL BOARD

Wendy Lambert
Bill Schmidt
Glen Dickey
Fred Hayes
Kary Jencks

ADMINISTRATORS

Brian Balke, Superintendent

Tori Underwood, Principal

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Lambert called the meeting to order at 9:24 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSIONS

The Board reviewed the Retreat Agenda and Objectives.

REVIEW MASTERY OBJECTIVES

The Mastery Objectives were read aloud and approved. The Board signed the Ethics policy, as needed every year. The Board plans to sign it each year at the Retreat meeting.

REVIEW FY 17-REVIEW AND DISCUSS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

The Board reviewed the Reflection Sheet as follows:

1. I think the New Boston School Board did a great job with _____ this year.

The budget, fiscal management, Business Administrator Ray Labore and Technology Director Gary Girolimon saving money on technology, electricity and commodities. Keeping Ray for another year. Getting the budget and CRF Warrant Articles passed with a great presentation and answering questions. Began using social media. Student safety with meetings all year with the Police and Fire Chiefs, Principals and Administration. Reviewing and progressing on goals throughout the year. Manageability of being a Board member. Building consensus within the Board, listening to each other's views. Keeping meetings short, having two meetings per month. Reviewing and approving policies. Brian will update the goal list for the next Board meeting and remove the green items.

2. I think the New Boston School Board struggled with _____ this year.

Facilities: There are many needs and just one Facility Director that is new to the position and managing all other schools in the SAU.

3. I think the New Boston School Board needs to spend more time on _____ next year.

Space needs.

4. I think the New Boston School Board needs to spend less time on _____ next year.

Early enrollment requests.

5. Discussion: How can the New Boston School Board improve next year?

Have a knowledgeable person come in to give a presentation to parents and students about social media. Many parents have requested informational guidance on this topic. This will be a goal. Review facility needs including an energy audit. Tell the town a building extension will be needed to hold the students if development continues at the current pace. Consider a CRF to begin saving toward major projects such as the addition, another building or renovation of the current building to prevent/reduce a bond. The SAU will discuss this possibility with the DRA.

6. Discussion: I think _____ needs to be a major priority next year.

Full day kindergarten/readiness discussion, space needs/demographic trends, communication with taxpayers, the Selectmen and Town Administrator.

7. Discussion: How can the SAU or School Administration better support the New Boston School Board?

Work with the Goffstown Board and unions on how to make up snowdays. The SAU was very responsive this year.

TOPICS DISCUSSION

BUDGET PHILOSOPHY

Next year's budget preparation begins in July. The Warrant is expected to include a proposed support staff contract and a request to deposit into the Building and Renovation CRF as savings will be needed for future heating system and paving needs. Now that a deposit to the 2.5% CRF is planned, extra seats that have been included in each year's budget are expected to be removed from the next budget cycle. The Board recommended the budget continue to be conservative, responsible and fair. A CRF to begin saving toward major projects such as the addition, another building or renovation of the current building to prevent/reduce a bond will be researched.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Discussed during the Board meeting tonight.

2.5% CONTINGENCY FUND

Discussed during the Board meeting tonight.

POLITICAL CLIMATE

As above.

GOAL SETTING FOR FY 18

The SAU will update the list for distribution at the July meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13pm. Glen Dickey seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0). Meeting Adjourned.

All back-up material to this meeting is held in the Principal's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Maralyn Segien