

South Hadley Public Schools

School Committee Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023

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I. Call to Order: At 6:00pm noticing a quorum, Chair, Eric Friesner called to order the remote South Hadley School Committee meeting, a Zoom Meeting accessible via SHCTV15 and SHCTV.com

In Attendance: Eric Friesner, Chairperson; Danielle Cooke, Vice Chairperson Lawrence Dixon, Member; Daniel Vieu, Member; & Mark McLaughlin, Interim Superintendent for South Hadley Public Schools.

Excused: Lynda Pickbourn-Smith, Member; & Jennifer Voyik, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations for South Hadley Public Schools

Guests: Neil Bergstrom, Vice President of SHEA; Nina Nedrebo, Candidate for Human Rights Commission; Kristine Stanley, Candidate for Human Rights Commission; Pia Kennedy, Candidate for Human Rights Commission; Beth Cooke, Director of Student Services; & Scott Moore, SH Director of Building Operations.

II. Public Comment: None.

III. SHEA Report: Presented by Neil Bergstrom, "It is a quick update, it is mostly about when the JLMC met last time. They had an extremely productive meeting. They created and agreed upon a job description for the special education team leaders. The need for these came out of negotiations and this is really going to benefit our students by letting our special education teachers focus on teaching. Although there are only two being included in the budget right now, we are absolutely on board with the District's plan to add two more in the future so that there is one in each building. We very much look forward to continuing to work with the District in making these and other improvements to our public schools in the future. So, I thank you very much."

IV. Routine Items

A. Approval of Warrants (2 VOTES)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 6, 2023	Warrant #2023-300	\$143,413.65
June 13, 2023	Warrant #2023-306	\$181,720.05
June 22, 2023	Biweekly Payroll	\$856,731.80
July 6, 2023	Biweekly Payroll	\$766,402.01

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(VOTE) Danielle Cooke made a motion to all those eligible to vote to approve the following warrant, it is warrant dated June 6, 2023, warrant #2023-300 in the amount of \$143,413.65

Vieu seconded.

No further discussion.

Cooke – Abstained; Dixon – Aye; Vieu – Aye; & Friesner – Aye.

This motion passed with 3 in favor and one abstention.

(VOTE) Danielle made a motion to approve the following three warrants, the first is warrant dated June 13, 2023, warrant # 2023-306, in the amount of \$181,720.05, the second is dated June 22, 2023, it is a biweekly payroll in the amount of \$856,731.80 and the third is dated July 6, 2023, it is a biweekly payroll in the amount of \$766,402.01.

Dixon seconded.

No further discussion.

Cooke – Aye; Dixon – Aye; Vieu – Aye; & Friesner – Aye.

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Minutes – 6/15/2023 (VOTE)

(VOTE) Chair Friesner entertained a motion to approve the minutes from 6/15/23.

Dixon so moved.

Cooke seconded.

Cooke – Aye; Dixon – Aye; Vieu – Aye; & Friesner – Aye.

This motion passed unanimously.

C. Budget Transfers (VOTE)

(VOTE) Cooke proposed a motion to approve the budget transfer from Mosier and SHHS Professional Services to Plains Therapeutic Contracted Services in the amount of \$2,767.00.

Vieu seconded.

Cooke – Aye; Dixon – Aye; Vieu – Aye; & Friesner – Aye.

This motion passed unanimously.

V. Human Rights Commission Interviews: The Committee interviewed Nina Nedrebo and Pia Kennedy. The Committee is aiming to vote and appoint at the next meeting on 8/3/23. Vice Chair Cooke encouraged the community to review the Town Implementation Status Reports at <https://www.southhadley.org/1276/Implementation-Status-Reports>.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Subcommittee Reports

- 1. JLMC Update:** Dan Vieu shared that the JLMC met on June 15th to discuss the job description for the special education evaluation team leader. In attendance were members of SHEA, dan & Lynda, Mark & Jenn. This meeting allowed the opportunity for all sides to ask questions about the role, including potential caseload and location support. This position will be responsible for conducting initial IEP assessments, and

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3-yr evaluations, they will write final versions on IEPs that fall under their caseload and will be a liaison to discuss programmatic and/or student issues.

B. Report of Interim Superintendent: None.

C. Report of the Chair & School Committee: None.

D. Appreciations: None

VII. Introduction of Scott Moore, South Hadley Director of Building Operations: Mark McLaughlin introduced and welcomed Scott, who shared some background information.

VIII. IDEA Certification (VOTE): Beth Cooke presented the conditions of assistance through the 240 grant. These conditions are reviewed and submitted annually. The use of funds, free appropriate public education, full educational opportunity goal, confidentiality of personally identifiable information, child find & record keeping, evaluation & eligibility determination, parent participation & other team member participation, IEPs, procedural safeguards, least restrictive environment, transition of young children from early intervention to preschool programs, students in private schools enrolled by their parents, personnel, indicators & data reporting requirements, participation in State & District wide assessments, financial responsibility for ensuring services, suspension & expulsion, transfer of parental rights at age of majority and eligibility and enforcement were all factors reviewed.

(VOTE) Chair Friesner entertained a motion to accept the IDEA certification as presented tonight.

Vice Chair Cooke so moved.

Dixon seconded.

Cooke – Aye; Dixon – Aye; Vieu – Aye; & Friesner – Aye.

This motion passed unanimously.

IX. District Professional Development Plan (August 2023): Mark McLaughlin went over a rough draft of the August professional development schedule. He went over the mandated training, legal & restorative practices, a special education overview, the literacy initiative, multi-tiered support systems.

X. Update on SHHS Moisture Mitigation Project: Excavation on the east side of the high school will be the next step starting 7/10/23. Six weeks is a tight timeline for the magnitude of work and this timeline may go into the school year, but this will not impact the opening of school. Dr. McLaughlin shared some discussion has taken place with the District and Capital Planning regarding the repairs to SHHS flooring that has been adversely impacted over a long period of time by the repeated moisture and this conversation will continue over the next school year to incorporate into future budgets. The HVAC system will be round two of this process, but the excavation is round one and the District is excited as the work is beginning to create a healthier building for students and staff.

XI. Information Only: None.

XII. Unfinished Business: None.

XIII. New Business: None.

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(VOTE) Chair Friesner entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Cooke so moved.

I. Dixon seconded.

D. Cooke – Aye; L. Dixon – Aye; D. Vieu – Aye; & E. Friesner – Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kiesha Keitt, Executive Assistant, South Hadley Public Schools