SAU #21 Joint Board Meeting
Winnacunnet High School
November 16, 2011

Joint Board Members

Hampton Falls members:	Robin Moyer Ratigan, Thomas Baker (absent), E. Christo (absent), W. Skoglund* and Susan Smylie.
North Hampton Members:	David Sarazen (absent) Anne Ambrogi, Robert Copp, Victoria Kilroy (absent) and Henry Marsh*.
Seabrook Members:	Bruce Casassa, Jessica Brown (absent) Michael Chase, Kathleen Cronin, and Jon Moore (absent).
South Hampton Members:	Kimberly Molin, Rebecca Burdick and Nancy Considine.
Winnacunnet Members:	Maria Brown (absent) Dr. Richard Goodman, Denyse Richter, Wayne Skoglund*, and Henry Marsh*.
Administration:	Robert Sullivan, Ed.D; Superintendent, Barbara Hopkins; Assistant Superintendent and William Hickey; Business Administrator.

*Wayne Skoglund and Henry Marsh each count as two (2) votes as they represent two separate Boards.

1. Call to Order

Board Chairman Henry Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

The Board recessed the Joint Board Meeting at 7:03 p.m. to attend the Public Hearing for the SAU #21 Budget for the 2012-2013 school years.

The Board reconvened the Joint Board Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

2. Henry Marsh led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dr. Goodman moved to approve the October 27, 2011 Public and Non-public Joint Board Minutes with amendments.

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- $14,000 should have been included in the Motion.

Seconded by W. Skoglund. Motion passed unanimously. 16-0-0.

4. Final Review of the 2012-2013 SAU #21 Budget

Motion: Wayne Skoglund moved to accept the SAU 21 2012-13 Budget as presented. Seconded by Dr. Goodman. Motion discussed and passed. Vote 16- 0-0.

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Motion: Kathleen Cronin moved to make an amendment to the SAU21 2012-13 Budget to include a 2% pay raise for the non-contract members of the SAU. The cost is $10,859.73. Seconded by B. Casassa. Motion discussed and failed. Vote 7-8-1.

Henry Marsh; Chair, commended the SAU 21 Administration and Staff for their cost cutting efforts and successfully saving approximately a quarter of a million dollar savings to the SAU.

5. 2012-2013 SAU Wide Calendar

- B. Hopkins reviewed data received from a survey where the Principals polled the staff in Seabrook and S. Hampton School Districts. The results were ambiguous with 45% to 55% of survey opinions going in both directions.
- The Joint Board comments included:
  1. Continue to poll all the Districts with an open comment section.
  2. Snow days could impact school dates continuing later in June.
  3. It's easier to teach in late August than in early to middle June.
  4. Sports programs begin in August.
  5. This is a tourist area and it would be beneficial for high school students to attain local jobs if the students are readily available in June to begin training for jobs. If the students are not available, than businesses may hire students from other communities.
  6. In past years, the calendar had changed to a later start date and after one year had changed back to an earlier start date.
  7. The Districts maintain their own bus contracts so that they can set their own schedules.

The Board agreed to maintain the Starting Before Labor Day schedule for the 2012-13 school years and to poll the SAU District Staff members, parents and the high school students with regards to their opinions.

Point of order

Chair Henry Marsh acknowledged Andrew Gushee; President of SEA who requested to address the Board.

- Mr. Gushee confirmed that the proper procedure when deciding on any school schedule change would be to meet and confirm this decision with the SEA.

Motion: Bruce Cassassa moved to accept the Early Start Calendar for the 2012-2013 school years as presented. Seconded by W. Skoglund. Motion discussed and passed. Vote 11- 5-0.

The Board requested that the Hampton SAU90 be notified of this decision.

The Board requested that the calendar survey results, to be sent to the SAU District wide staff, parents and high school students, be ready and added to the March meeting agenda for review.

6. Request for Committee to Review SAU 21 Structure

- Bob Copp has agreed to act as Chair for the Committee to Review SAU21 Structure.
- Please contact Mr. Copp to join this committee or to voice any concerns to him. Mr. Copp requested that one person from each town Board volunteer to be part of this committee.

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Gushee; SEA President, respectfully submitted a letter to the Joint Board Chair from SEA. He communicated a statement to the Board that voting on the School Year Calendar without meeting with the SEA is a violation of the SEA contract.

Motion: Michael Chase moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Dr. Goodman. Motion passed. Vote 16-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Hastings

(Approved 3/7/2012)