Call to Order
Mr. Tropeano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present from Administration: Mrs. Erin Obey, Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Duncanson, Director of Student Services.

Present from Committee: Michael Tropeano, Chair; David Boyle, Vice Chair; Susie Scholl, Secretary; Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors
Mr. Tropeano welcomed the visitors.

Adjustments to the Agenda
None

Approval of Bill Schedule
Bills were sent out for electronic signatures.

Communications
None

Consideration of Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019

VOTE: On a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019 as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: Suzanne Scroggins
Absent: none

Discussion on Scheduling and Scope for Budget Workshops
Mr. Tropeano explained that the committee will have a meeting outside of the regular meetings to educate all members on the budget process. The committee decided on October 5th, 8:00-10:00am at North or PHS, to be decided as the date approaches.
Superintendent’s Report

Consideration of Approval: Homeschooling Requests for 2019-2020 School Year

Mrs. Obey presented the homeschooling list. She said under the law the Superintendent has the right to request progress reports/portfolio before approving the following years home schooling request. She said there are a few families that have not yet responded but hope they will be in touch before the 10th day of school. Mr. Tropeano informed members that the homeschool students are eligible to participate in school activities.

VOTE: On a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to approve the homeschooling requests for Natalie Albee, David Albee, Emma Ambrose, Nate Ambrose, Arabella Churchill, Nehemiah Churchill, Joseph Dyer, William Dyer, Jacob Ellis, John Ellis, Jesse Hutchinson, Tyler Hutchinson, Jonah Janusz, Jackson Knowlton, Scarlette Leonard, Jayden Leonard, Joh Paul Nelson, Amelia Nelson, Aidan O'Brien, Aloise O'Mahoney, Magdalene O'Mahoney, Liberty Pongratz, Ivy Pongratz and Cora Pongratz.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Consideration of Approval: Overnight/Out of State Trips for 2019-2020

Mrs. Obey said this list is to get the trips in front of the committee early.

VOTE: On a motion made by Suzanne Scroggins and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to approve the out of state/country trips as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

PHS Surplus Materials

Mrs. Obey said the Business teacher Mrs. Gates found two cash registers that are at least eight years old and have never been used. She added that the parts could not be used by any business.

VOTE: On a motion made by James Agnew and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to deem two Sharp XE-A102 electronic cash registers as surplus.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

School Committee Goals

Mr. Tropeano said the last session went completely through the Achievement goal and the next goal to discuss is Social Emotional Health and Wellness. He said the last time the committee went through the section and talked through the pieces. He said these goals will be reviewed on an annual basis and/or could be replaced by another goal. He said the committee is trying to establish the need and have
programs in place and then have to determine if what is being done is what the district needs. Mrs. Scholl asked about metrics measurement and Mrs. Obey said metrics have been based around the work that the social workers are doing. Mrs. School said there are families that need the support and resources, but she is concerned because the district is not health care providers. Mrs. Obey said there are many different situations and not all have a diagnosis. Mr. Agnew said it seems there is a need for an educational forum for families along with a networking channel. Mrs. Obey said there are presentations for families throughout the year through the Special Education department. Mr. Tropeano said he wonders if there is a better way to offer the supports like through YouTube or podcasts. He suggested the committee evaluate the existing programs and explore additional offerings. Mrs. Obey said she wants to be clear that the district does not have a social emotional program only a wellness program. She explained the district offerings through the wellness program. Mr. Agnew suggested a gap analysis of the current wellness program and Mrs. Scroggins said she likes this idea. Mr. Agnew also suggested rewording the bullet point of the first goal. Mrs. Obey said there is not a lot of state data out there around social emotional health. Mr. Tropeano suggested the district determine what current needs are not being serviced and what programs would fill those gaps. Mrs. Scholl suggested looking at data of other districts growth in social emotional needs. Mrs. Scroggins suggested partnering with other schools to put together offerings in the areas of support that elementary students are need of.

The committee reviewed each bullet:

- Increase the number of guidance counselor from this goal discussion and keep it at the budget discussion.
  - The committee agreed to remove this from the goal discussion and revisit it during budget discussions.
- Develop a wellness/fitness program in conjunction with the Athletic Dept and PE Dept.
  - Mrs. Scroggins said she thinks this belongs more in the curriculum category. Mrs. Obey said there is a correlation between a moving body and learning. Mr. Tropeano suggested adding a future item around a wellness fitness program and guidance.
- Evaluate the impact of the School Resource Officer at all facilities and provide parents and community the benefits and outcomes.
  - Mr. Agnew suggested a report from the Superintendent and Police Chief describing the program and its benefits. Mr. Obey said Officer Kirby does not hold the title of SRO, he is a School Safety Officer. She said she would be happy to put something together with the Chief. She said each elementary school has as assigned officer that spends a block of time at the school. She added that it is important to know that the police department has less authority on school property than administration. She said she would like to grow the liaison role versus having a uniformed officer in the school. Mr. Tropeano suggested Office Kirby and Chief Wall come to a school committee meeting to talk about the vision of this program.
- Research and apply for potential state grants for school property.
  - Mrs. Obey said this is completed as a grant was applied for and the district received $60k which was requested for hardware to have swipe entries at each of the buildings.
- Educate the parent/guardian population on the IEP and 504 plan process.
  - Mrs. Duncanson said each September she offers a presentation on Special Education, IEPs and the 504 processes. She added that the information is available on the website as well. Mrs. Obey said literature can also be added in the libraries. Mr. Tropeano suggested having the presentation filmed. He said the students here in 2019 are different than the students in 2014. He said the needs are higher now. Mr. Agnew said he has been hearing from staff that the day has been compressed and this causes stress. Mrs. Obey added that the social workers spend time working with staff as well as with the students. She added that staff
Mrs. Badeau said she is glad this topic has come up and asked if elementary teachers can come to the school committee meeting to discuss their concerns in an effort to work together. Mrs. Obey said the purview of the school committee is budget and policy. She said the five members of the committee are always willing to talk about anything, but the decision making is mainly programmatic and budgetary. She said working together to identify programs or resources would be the point at which the conversation takes place at the school committee level and committee loves to hear input from teachers. Mrs. Badeau asked if the committee would survey the teachers around the social emotional topic and Mrs. Obey said yes. Mrs. Obey said she will bring a draft of the survey to the school committee meeting on September 24th.

Mr. Tropeano said to keep the dialogue open and have a discussion at the right time. He suggested launching the survey within 30 days. Mrs. Obey said she is exploring the partnership with EAB in hopes that there are solutions to things that come up in the survey that won’t have a budgetary impact.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics
9/24, 10/15 and 10/22

VOTE: At 8:35PM, on a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss a personal service contract as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

APPROVED: September 24, 2019

MOTIONS

VOTE: On a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019 as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: Suzanne Scroggins
Absent: none

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Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Suzanne Scroggins and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to approve the out of state/country trips as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

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Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Susie Scholl, Suzanne Scroggins and James Agnew
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none