

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Suffield High School Media Center
April 17, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

Present: Board members, Josh Barrows (via Zoom), Jamie Drzyzga, Melissa Finnigan, Brian Fry, Glenn Gazdik, and Maureen Sattan; and Superintendent Timothy Van Tasel, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi and Business Manager Bill Hoff

Absent: Terry Antrum, Tracy Cloyd, James Mol

Discussion/Action Items

- Roles and Responsibilities of School Nurses

Nurses Rebecca Spencer, Abby Arcouette and Manda Dingley presented their roles and responsibilities for our schools. They shared with us their primary responsibilities, the structure of their nursing team, collected health office data in terms of visits and emergencies, screenings they perform, meetings they attend and what a typical day may look like for each of them. Collectively as a group they feel well supported by their administration and work well with one another to provide our students with the best nursing care while at school. We, as a board, appreciate them taking the time out of their busy schedules to meet with us.

- Discussion and Possible Action of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The adjustments to the 2023-2024 approved budget were shared by Superintendent Van Tasel and Business Manager Hoff. Our BOE adjustment sets us at a 5.69% increase for the 2023-24 school year and will be presented at the town meeting on 4/26 at 7 pm.

- Discussion and Possible Approval of the SMS Music Department Field Trip Request – Six Flags New England – June 9, 2023

No action needed by the Board as this was not an overnight field trip. Ken Smith, Suffield Middle School Principal, shared that the field trip has been attended for at least a decade. Students from the band and choral groups will perform at the middle school for the Fantastic Festivals Adjudication and then spend the remainder of the day and evening at Six Flags.

Adjournment

Board member Barrows moved, and Board member Gazdik seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. All members voted in favor.

Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of May 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Drzyzga
Secretary