

**Keene High Committee
Superintendent's Office
December 13, 2017
3:30 P.M.**

Members Present: School Board Chair Kevin Bazan, School Board member Valerie Cole, Sue Rice, Amanda Nordberg, Heather Pelkey, Erin Bonaparte, Alan Genovese, Superintendent.

- I. **Commencement:** The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.
- II. **October 25, 2017 Minutes:** Committee members reviewed the minutes. On a motion by K. Bazan, seconded by V. Cole, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. **Update on Student Recognition:** The Superintendent explained that the School Board recently recognized two students who live in Winchester and attend Keene High School – Connor Hill and Dean Truesdell. Members who attended the meeting offered kudos on how well these students represented themselves and their families. It is our hope that these students will speak to our eighth grade students in the Spring during their orientation in transitioning to Keene High School in the Fall.
- IV. **Jim Logan Presentation – December 21, 2017.** The committee was informed that the high school principal will be presenting a report at the December 21st School Board meeting and eighth grade parents and students are encouraged to attend. The presentation will begin around 6:30 p.m.
- V. **Course of Study at Keene High School:** Members were informed that Keene High School staff will be reviewing the Program of Study and Val Carey will be attending and participating in this meeting. This will help in our curriculum development as we establish competency standard flow from eighth to ninth grade.
- VI. **Review Keene High Report - October 2016 and 2017.** The Superintendent explained that he attached the October 2016 report to review in an attempt to develop questions. However, in a meeting prior to this meeting he met with Mr. Logan and was provided a copy of last year's report. He reviewed it with the principal and shared some of the specifics of the report. Committee members reviewed the report, asked questions and provided comment.

VII. **Develop Questions:** After reviewing the report the committee developed several questions that will be forwarded to Mr. Logan prior to his presentation to the School Board. The Superintendent expanded the scope of the questions to elicit a comprehensive response.

1. How do we go about having our 8th grade students take the PSAT? Can we bus them to your school on the testing day? Do we administer it here? What makes the most sense? In order to gain parent support do you have literature, rationale to explain to parents how this initiative will help their child?
2. What ideas do you have that could engage our teachers in joint professional development activities occurring at your school? How can we help in providing information to our teachers to the specifics of the opportunities available to them? What will be the cost implications, if any, to our district?

VIII. **Review Upcoming Meeting Calendar:** Members reviewed the calendar and decided to change the time of the January 24th 2018 time to 4:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. At the next meeting they will consider if this time is better than the 3:30 start time presently posted. These meetings dates will be on the next agenda for additional review.

IX. **Adjournment:** The Committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Note: Agenda topic suggested for the next meeting: Develop a Statement of Purpose for Committee Work.