

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday May 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Ms. Janice Bennett, Chair, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett, Chair
Corey Masson
John Morano
Dustin Ramey, Vice Chair
Nancy Ross

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools
Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services
Carol Coppola, Business Manager

EXCUSED TARDY: Jon LeBlanc (7:35 PM)
Wendy Miller (7:20 PM)

EXCUSED: Nathan Mailloux, Student Council Representative

The meeting began with a salute to the flag which was then followed by a moment of silence in honor of Kenny Jenkins, SRHS 2013 graduate, who passed away in motor vehicle accident this past weekend.

REVIEW AGENDA

Add: Unfinished business – HS Overnight field trip to follow Administrative Report. Add: New Business: c. Request for Early Admission Kg and d. School Board Goals.

MINUTES

Mr. Ramey made a motion to approve the May 7, 2014, meeting minutes. Mr. Morano seconded the motion. Four in favor; one abstained: Ms. Ross.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #27- \$347,904.75; Payroll #24 - \$774,883.98.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Dee Hambucken reappeared before the SRSB with a detailed request for an overnight field

trip to France during Spring Break 2015 for high school students. She presented the board an itinerary "Paris Et Provence". Ms. Mary Magnusson also appeared at the meeting and will be a chaperone on the trip. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the "Paris Et Provence" trip; Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Blake reported on the School Board work session held last Monday. The work session was held to formulate school board goals for the upcoming year. He stated the discussions were very rich. Goals discussed included the Strategic Plan, the District in general – where we've been, where we're going. The SAU properties were discussed. More discussion will follow in tonight's meeting.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Ross added two Committee Reports to tonight's agenda. Ms. Ross reported the Finance Committee had met earlier this evening. The Committee was presented year end numbers and a list of cuts to the proposed budget to align with the default budget. \$205,097.00 was cut. The Budget Committee met last night. Barry Gluck was nominated Chair; Allen Felisberto was nominated Vice Chair; and Patty Stephan was nominated Secretary. Ms. Stephan spoke of a Newton Facebook page available to the voters/community and wondered if Kingston could do the same. It would be a form of communication to let the public know of the budget and its process. Ms. Ross said the Budget Committee was looking for a central spot to report on the budget process. Ms. Ross reported that Budget Committee Member Roget Clark asked her to pass on his appreciation to the School Board for the Budget cuts made at the Deliberative Session.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Bennett reminded everyone of all the end-of-year events coming up and urged SB members to attend as many as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cheryl Gannon, President, Sanborn Youth Soccer Association, thanked the SRSB for opening their facilities to the organization and their ongoing support of SYSA. This year, SYSA awarded two \$500.00 scholarships. She stated the Association is proud to provide the seniors with these scholarships.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross shared a story of a British video she recently watched. The theme was "put it down and pick up your head". Ms. Ross spoke of how everyone is so busy on their personal devices

that people don't speak with one another. The video told the story of a person that was not able to get directions on his device so he asks someone for directions. In the end the two end up married – something that might not have happened if the people never spoke/had a chance encounter. Ms. Miller attended the MS move-up day. She stated it was a great opportunity to see what the MS is doing. "It was great for both students and parents." Ms. Miller stated she was tardy to tonight's meeting because she attended the mother-son bbq at Memorial. She thanked the Memorial PTO for putting on the event. "Good time."

NEW BUSINESS

14.a. Budget Ms. Coppola reported that SRSD will receive two years of "premium holiday". The Health Care Trust has been carrying too much in reserves. \$700,000.00 will be coming back to the District over two years. 14.b. Pediculosis Update: Dr. Blake reported that the District brought in a couple of sub-nurses at Memorial School. The nurses did head checks on the entire student body. The school has been cleaned top to bottom. Rugs that could be removed were; the others were cleaned. "Everything is clean – not an issue at this point." 14.c. Dr. Blake presented the Board with an early entrance request for a kindergarten student at Memorial School. The student has been attending the Newton Learning Center since she was an infant. An informal assessment was done. There is a provision in the current policy that an early admission may be approved by the SB. Mr. VanderEls, Memorial School Principal, supports this early admission. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the early admission of a Memorial School kindergartner, Mr. Masson seconded the motion. Six in favor; one abstained – Ms. Miller. Motion passes. It should be noted that students must be five years of age by October 1st to attend the kindergarten program. This student turns five on October 2nd. 14.d. Nomination: Dr. Blake nominated D. Rebecca Hanna, HS Math Teacher. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the nomination of D. Rebecca Hanna "Becky"; Ms. Miller seconded the nomination. All in favor. School Board goals were discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT none

WRITTEN INFORMATION none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gannon commented on the nominations. She stated that it appears the turn-over is low. "This is a good thing." She stated it was very commendable that staff is staying with the District. Ms. Gannon commented on the SB goals discussion. She stated that this is the third year the SB discussed finding a "home" for the SAU staff. She stated it should be an absolute priority to provide a safe environment for the SAU staff to work. She spoke/cautioned the Board to make sure that their goals can be accomplished in one year. The goals need to be relevant. She stated the Board was a "little weak" on monitoring the accomplishments of the goals. When you make goals, there should be regular, periodic updates on where they are.

"Make sure the goals are realistic". She cautioned the Board that if they try to accomplish too much, they accomplish nothing.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross stated she received a "stack" of thank you notes from the kindergarten class for participating in the classroom reading event. She stated she was very impressed with their spelling and penmanship. Ms. Miller expressed her condolences to the Jenkins family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 7:00 PM**, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board Public Relations Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 2:00 PM**, at the SAU Administrative Offices, 178 Main Street, Kingston.

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board Personnel** will be held on **Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 6:00 PM**, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.

The next **Ad-Hoc Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 7:00 PM**, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 7:00 PM**, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIe:

Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:17 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

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