

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Nancy Ross in the School Board Room, Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH.

The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Kurt Baitz
Janice Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
James Doggett
Thomas Gasse
Nancy Ross, Chairperson
Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative

EXCUSED: Rebecca Hallisey

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

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

MINUTES

Mr. Doggett moved to approve the January 4, 2012 minutes, public and non-public, seconded by Mr. Baitz. The vote was 5-0-0. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 Public Hearing. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 4-0-1 (Baitz-abstained) after one suggestion for inclusion by Mr. Doggett. He referred to a comment made by the public speaker, Ms. Gannon at the Public Hearing that he felt should be included in paragraph 5 that clarifies the \$100,000 revenue received yearly from the Charter School.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #24 - \$790,820.31 and Payroll 15 - \$741,656.48.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Miss Ulcickas reported that they are currently working on Winter Carnival and its Destinations theme. She also reported that the Key Club is heading the Polar Plunge fundraiser set for February 4th but is rallying to get the whole school involved to either participate or donate.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Budget Committee – Ms. Ross reported that they met and discussed the two motions on the floor. They brought forward the final budget amount of \$31,269,788 which is now a warrant article to be voted on later tonight.

b. Seminary Bond Hearing – Ms. Bennett gave a recap of the Bond Hearing and the presentation of renovation given by Ron Lamarre of Lavallee/Brensinger. She added that there were few in attendance beyond the school board members.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston said he was pleased to see the brochure for the Seminary Renovation. He recounted that it took many years for the town to get a vote for our new library and said that by contrast the Seminary renovation project has been a rigorous process put together by engaged citizens and experts that has moved forward vigorously. He added that economically speaking, this was a good time to bring it before the public. He then spoke to the wording of the bond on the warrant article and asked for the period of the bond. Ms. Ross responded that the bond period was 10 years, and that the wording of the warrant article was prescribed by law.

Cheryl Gannon of Kingston said that the length of the bond will be brought up by the public, that it must address. She said the wording about it in the Brochure is misleading. She asked that an article be published about the renovation bond before voting day and that the \$100,000 income be clarified as well. Ms. Gannon asked for an explanation about the last day of the filing period in the announcements on the agenda.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Bennett reported that the response to her table (on the Seminary renovation) on voting day in Newton was very positive. She said that no one seemed to be balking at the cost but she did note that several comments led her to believe that many people do not understand the structure of the school district, especially those who no longer have children in school. She suggested doing a primer in the paper to explain the makeup and structure of the district. **Mr. Doggett** said he was disappointed that the brochure given out at the vote contained misinformation regarding the \$100,000 revenue. **Ms. Ross** replied that the misinformation was not intentional and the correction and explanation will be published.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Warrant Articles – Ms. Coppola said the school district attorney informed her that the Seminary Building Renovation bond warrant must follow the school district officers warrant and should be moved from number 3 to number 2.

Article #1 – Officers: moved by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Doggett; vote of 5-0

Article #2 – Seminary Renovation: moved by Ms. Bennett seconded by Mr. Baitz; vote of 4-1

Article #3 – General Acceptance of Reports: moved by Mr. Doggett, seconded by Ms. Bennett; vote of 5-0

Article #4 – Operating Budget: moved by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Baitz; vote of 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

a. Greece Trip – Dr. Blake reported that the previously approved trip to Greece has been modified to include two days in Italy (within the same time frame) due to the requirement by the tour company to book a full tour. The cost will be \$100 more. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the change, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 5-0-0.

b. Academic School Calendar – Dr. Blake stated that next year's calendar is in line with SST, that he worked closely with them to avoid the inconsistencies of this and last year's calendar and that with the exception of three early release days in our district which Exeter does not have, it will be in keeping with SST. Ms. Bennett asked if the first days of school would be staggered for freshmen and the other classes (yes). Mr. Baitz expressed his displeasure with this year's disparate calendar and with next year's three day misalignment and asked that we keep in close touch with SST when making our calendar. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the calendar, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 3-2 (Gasse, Baitz) – 0. Ms. Gasse said that he did not want his name attached to the calendar because of how it's worked with SST the last two years.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

c. Policies – Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the four policies on the document dated January 18, 2012 for Second Reading/Revised, policies GCC, JLCEA, GBGBA, and KFD. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 5-0-0. For Second Reading/New Policy, policy GCCAD – Military Leave, Mr. Doggett asked that clarification be made on the phrase “short period”. The Board decided to have it go back to Policy for clarification.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT

a. Thank you card from Deb Bamforth

WRITTEN INFORMATION

- a. MS27-School Budget Form – to be signed by the School Board
- b. Default Budget – will be posted before the Deliberative Session
- c. District Financial Audit Report – Finalized and in tonight’s packet
- d. General Fund Report – Ms. Coppola stated that the budget is in good shape and that \$1.2 million remains.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Policy Committee

Personnel Committee

Facilities Committee

PR Committee

Presentation by High School on the Culture Survey and Youth and Risk Behavior

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston spoke to the Military Leave policy saying that his son-in-law is in the Guard and has trainings a week at a time and suggested some flexibility in the language as to what constitutes a “short period”. He also suggested that the whole picture regarding the bond and length of the bond for the Seminary project be presented to the public. Mr. Noyes suggested making revisions to the Seminary brochure as they are made at ebay; clearly state that a revision has been made and what it is.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross announced that the Board has acquired a new digital video recording device for Board meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, February 1, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. The **Filing Period** for positions on the Sanborn Regional School Board, the Sanborn Regional Budget Committee and the District Moderator will open on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012** at 8:00 am and end on **Friday, February 3, 2012**, at 5:00 pm. The School District Clerk will be available on the last day to file from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.
- c. The **First (Deliberative) Session** of the Annual School District Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School Auditorium, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

- d. The **Second (Voting) Session of the Annual School District Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Swasey Gymnasium (Sanborn Seminary Campus) for Kingston voters and in the Newton Town Hall for Newton voters.
- e. The next **Public Relations Committee** Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012** at 8:00 am at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.
- f. The next **Policy Committee** Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012** at 9:00 am at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.
- g. The next **Facilities Committee Meeting** will be held on , **January 25, 2012** at 10:00 am at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIa and c – Superintendent Evaluation and Legal -
Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 8:06 pm with a second by Ms. Bennett.
Ms. Sargeant polled the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Therese Sargeant
School Board Secretary

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