

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:51 pm by Nancy Ross in the School Board Room, Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH.

The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
James Doggett
Cheryl Gannon
Rebecca Hallisey
Wendy Miller
Nancy Ross, Chairperson
Dustin Ramey
Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative

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

REVIEW AGENDA

Move a. Outdoor Classroom under New Business to precede Administrative Reports

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:52 pm, Mr. Doggett motioned to go into Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 IIC – Student Hearing. Ms. Sargeant polled the Board. At 8:40 pm, the Board came out of Non-Public on a motion by Mr. Doggett and a second by Ms. Bennett. Mr. Doggett moved that Justin W. be expelled for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. To re-enroll for the 2012-2013 school year, he must apply to the School Board and demonstrate to them his understanding of the severity of his actions. He must also submit proof of having completed 200 hours of community service; half to be completed by his readmission hearing in August, the remainder to be completed during the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Doggett moved to approve the May 2, 2012 minutes, public and non-public, seconded by Ms. Bennett. The vote was 7-0-0 to approve after the following grammatical correction: on page 2, line 9 under Public Comment, Bart Noyes, delete the word “what” after suggest.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #38 – \$1670.00, Accounts Payable #39 - \$298,336.54 and Payroll 23 - \$669,565.25.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Outdoor Classroom Project – Ms. Bamforth, Principal at the Bakie School and Leanne Ouimette, Director of the project, took the floor on behalf of the project. Ms. Bamforth went over the background, progress and fundraising up to date and then asked the Board to consider lending the school the remaining \$5000 to complete the \$12,526 project. She explained that the directors of the project had applied to TD BankNorth for a \$5000 grant that would present itself or not after June 1st. Ms. Bamforth stated that if they had the money now, they could complete it before the 5th graders (who are in charge of the project) would graduate and then be able to see it through. Ms. Gannon asked how the district would be repaid if the grant wasn’t awarded. Ms. Bamforth replied

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

that they would continue fundraising until the amount reached \$5000 even if it meant not completing the project until a later date. Ms. Bennett motioned to approve facilitating the project with a \$5000 loan and Ms. Gannon seconded. Ms. Ross pointed out that the district might not have the money available to loan and Ms. Coppola added that we have a very tight budget right now and if we loan this money, other projects might have to be postponed. Ms. Bamforth replied that she doesn't want this project to take away from other projects. After further discussion, Mr. Doggett motioned to table the motion for now with a second by Ms. Hallisey. The vote was 6-1-0 (Bennett against).

The Board took a brief recess from 8:00 to 8:17 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Athletic Program Update – Dr. Blake reported that his finding after this review was enlightening; he had held the misperception that Athletics had been consistently adding programs every year and he found the opposite to be true. He distributed a handout which showed that from the years 2000 to the present, all programs that had been introduced had been denied except for JV football which was passed by warrant. Any additions since then were for additional coaching assistants. He also distributed a handout which compared our number of programs to other schools in NH. The Board asked Athletic Director several questions about various current programs such as how division ranking is determined and numbers of interested or participatory players. Ms. Parady-Guay pointed out that we have a large and solid number of participants but many lack skill due to either the lack of feeder programs in our community or the sport is new to our district such as football, now in its third year. Dr. Blake concluded his report by explaining the role of our Athletic Director and he gave a very large detailed list of her job day in and day out. He added that at this point, he has no recommendations for where we are right now in the cycle but will hold on to his findings for future use.

b. Superintendent Goals Review – Dr. Blake went through a presentation of the areas of the Strategic Plan: Physical Assets, Technology, Curriculum, Culture, Staffing and Communications. He described the mission of each area, his goals for each and then the corresponding accomplishments. He concluded describing the numerous awards and recognitions that our district has received in the last few years as we have carried out the Strategic Plan.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Miss Ulcickas reported that Student Council elections will be held on the 29th of this month and that the packets for potential candidates are due tomorrow. She said that a plant sale fundraiser is in the works to take place the first week of June; it will be the last fundraiser of the school year. She finished by giving a brief report on last Friday's Prom held at the Seaglass in Salisbury MA.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Public Relations – Ms. Hallisey reported that they met tonight as a new Board and discussed the Essential New and ideas for articles. They also discussed changing its name to associate it more easily with the School Board. They talked about ways to improve public perception and promote Sanborn pride with local businesses. The committee plans to speak to Principals Rutherford and Stack to discuss the recent school culture/climate survey for guidance on publicizing results.

b. Finance – Ms. Ross reported that they went over their mission statement, brought forth three technology projects (new equipment, disaster recovery, special ed), and one other for the resurfacing/repair of the High School track, and approved the attic/window project at the elementary schools. Mr. Doggett asked for a break down in dollars on the three technology projects and asked if moving those items over into the unexpended fund balance would wipe it out. Ms. Ross answered that the fund wouldn't be wiped out and the figures are as follows: Special Ed \$66,636.55, Data/disaster recovery \$76,007 and new equipment \$74,222. The Board asked

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

questions of Ms. Coppola concerning the data/disaster recovery projects and how the money was moved to provide for the four projects. She explained that certain projects were completed that came in under budget and this extra money was moved. She also explained the policy that states that any budget item over \$10,000 has to go before the Finance committee unless it is an awarded project like the ventilation/windows project at the elementary schools. The Board discussed this and the practice of returning unexpended funds to taxpayers; Ms. Bennett responded that we need to have a conversation on returning funds vs. spending it on needed projects that were cut out of the budget. Mr. Doggett stated that there should be a cap on what the Finance committee can transfer to other lines.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross commented that she gets the impression that there is this thought among some that we are doing something we shouldn't be doing with the budget. She reminded the Board that we are professionals and should never come across as accusatory nor try to embarrass one another; that we are here to serve and all conversations should be positive.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston referred to an article in the Eagle Tribune on an award that was presented recently to Ellen Hume Howard. He continued by saying that she has really grown into her position and truly earned that award. He had a question on the High School track repair project – if it was still under warranty? Ms. Coppola replied that this project is regular maintenance. As for the budget, he stated that there is a bill alive at the State regarding school budget processes and money transfers; he said that it's important that we be as flexible as possible to get the most that we can out of our budget and that to two people in this room, exceeding our bottom line would be a professional risk.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon asked about the SB Work meeting set for the 5th Wednesday in May; is there an agenda, when do we get it? Dr. Blake replied that there is a meeting and the agenda is still being developed. **Ms. Bennett** asked if Dr. Blake needs some ideas from Board members. She also commended Ellen Hume Howard for her award and said Ms. Howard is a “go-to” person.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Resignations – Dr. Blake distributed a document showing the number of faculty resignations, leave of absences, non-returned contracts, retired, etc from the years 2006 to 2012. The numbers showed that there are fewer now in all categories.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Nominations – Mr. Doggett motioned for the approval of the nomination of Phillip Curtis as a math teacher for the High School. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

b. Transfers – Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the transfer from Middle School to High School of Donna Harvey, Social Studies teacher. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0. Dr. Blake confirmed that there is now an opening for a social studies teacher at the Middle School.

c. Policies – Ms. Bennett motioned to approve as revised, policy KFR (Facilities Use). Mr. Doggett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

Ms. Bennett motioned to approve the following policies for First Reading: EEE, EBBB, EBA, EBA-E1, DFB, and DFB-R – Ms. Gannon seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT

Response letter from Dr. Blake to SREA President Karen Ladd concerning the collective bargaining for the two contracts.

WRITTEN INFORMATION

Summer Drama Series

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Touch Down Club report
Policies for second reading
Ms. Bamforth's China trip

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross motioned to hold School Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in June due to a graduation activity being held on the first Wednesday. **Mr. Doggett** seconded and the vote was 7-0-0. **Ms. Gannon** asked that all handouts given in SB meetings have dates on them. She also asked when and if we will be meeting with the Fremont School Board. **Ms. Ross** spoke to the upcoming Top 10% Senior Banquet coming up next Monday, May 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, June 13, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. A work meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, May 30, 2012** at 6:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- c. The next **Budget Committee** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 19, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIc – Legal

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 10:48 pm. Ms. Sargeant polled the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Therese Sargeant
School Board Secretary

Minutes of school board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the school board