

## SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday December 4, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by School Board Vice Chairperson Ms. Rebecca Hallisey, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:           Rebecca Hallisey, Vice Chairperson  
  Renee King  
  Jon LeBlanc  
  Wendy Miller  
  Dustin Ramey  
  Nancy Ross  
  Nathan Mailloux, Student Council Representative

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

Excused:                               Janice Bennett, Chairperson  
  Carol Coppola, Business Manager

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

Dr. Blake announced that he received a text message from Ms. Coppola apologizing for missing tonight's meeting. She is not feeling well.

### REVIEW AGENDA

The public school board meeting will adjourn at 7:30 PM to go into non-public session. At the conclusion of the non-public session, the public session will continue.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Ms. King made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. Five in favor to accept the November 6, 2013 meeting minutes, one abstained – Ms. Miller.

Minutes of the November 20, 2013 joint meeting with the Budget Committee were reviewed. Ms. King made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. Ms. Hallisey asked that the following be added to the November 20, 2013 meeting minutes. **Ms. King asked why the Bakie School was requesting additional paraprofessionals for the**

kindergarten program and Memorial School was not requesting additional paraprofessionals. Ms. Bamforth replied that Mr. VanderEls would address that question. Mr. VanderEls stated that Memorial didn't feel the need, at this time, to hire additional paraprofessionals for the kindergarten program due to the student population. Ms. King noted that Ms. Bamforth was addressed as Dr. Bamforth. The correct title is Ms. Bamforth. All in favor to accept the November 20, 2013 minutes as amended.

#### **MANIFEST**

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #15- \$974,767.00. Payroll #12 - \$768,112.88

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Blake stated that the Budget was the big topic for tonight's meeting. He reported that Ms. Coppola had provided him with answers to some of the SB questions.

#### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Nathan said he hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. The HS Student Council is currently working on the Twelve Days of Caring. All donations will be donated to people in need in the community. He stated that No Shave November was over. Approximately \$350-\$400 was raised. He stated he was proud of the monies raised. The proceeds will go to the Virginia Bartlett Scholarship. Dr. Blake asked Nathan what other events were coming up. Nathan responded that the Twelve Days of Caring was the big focus now and that the individual classes were working on Winter Carnival.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Public Relations Committee: Ms. Hallisey reported that the Public Relations Committee met November 19<sup>th</sup>. She reported that, to date, 46 students; 169 parents; 122 faculty; and 39 community members completed surveys. The survey ends December 6, 2013. Ms. Hallisey reported that the Committee discussed the Essential News that had recently been mailed out. The Committee agreed that it looked professional. She reported that the first Superintendent's Coffee Hour was held at the Kingston Library. They were disappointed in the low turn-out, but agreed that there was a lot of good information presented (and good food). Parents had good questions. A second Coffee Hour was held Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Ms. Hallisey's home in Newton. The turn-out was a little better. Again, the questions were very good. Dr. Blake stated he wished there were more District survey's completed in all categories. Nathan asked if it would be possible to pass (paper) surveys out that students could complete during Advisory. The SB discussed this and said yes that would be an option.

b. Facilities Committee: Mr. Ramey reported that the Facilities Committee had met. He reported that there were some fire safety issues at the old high school campus (Seminary). The

Committee reviewed the draft report received by SFC Engineering. Mr. Murphy of SFC, along with Kinston Fire Chief Seaman discussed violations outlined in the Fire Marshall's report. Ms. Miller asked what kind of problems there were. Dr. Blake responded there were fire and safety concerns. One example of a violation is the gap at the bottom of classroom doors and the floor. Some issues can be resolved. Also discussed was the Seacoast Charter School lease.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT**

Ms. Hallisey reminded everyone that the Middle School production of A Christmas Carol will be held December 6 and 7. Dr. Blake stated it should be a "great show". The "little tyke playing Tiny Tim steals the show".

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Noyes spoke of an article that appeared in the Eagle Tribune about the town of Sandown tax hike. Mr. Noyes stated there are people out there who confuse Sanborn and Sandown. He asked the SB to develop a "fact sheet" to show what the actual change in the tax rate is. Mr. Noyes stated that it may help people understand the tax rate/increase.

Ms. Gannon commented on the violations at the old high school campus. She asked if the Charter school lease could be cancelled. Ms. Gannon asked if there was an update on the SB's quest to find permanent housing for the SAU.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT**

Ms. Ross said she hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. She said she watched the Thanksgiving Day parade on TV. She spoke of a band from the mid-west that was excellent. She found it interesting that 20% of the school participates in the band. Ms. Ross also spoke of watching Jeopardy with teachers as contestants. She said there was a kindergarten teacher that taught language immersion – she felt this was very good. She said she'd like to see the SB continue to explore language arts. Ms. Ross attended the HS production of The Foreigner. "I laughed so much. The acting was spot on, the comedic timing was right on." "It was hysterical." "Kudos to all."

**Non-Public Session – RSA91-A: 3II:** At 7:37 PM Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

**Public Session (resumes):** At 9:45 PM Ms. Hallisey called the public meeting to order.

#### **14. New Business**

- a. Winter Coaches – tabled
- b. Seminary Campus – tabled
- c. Budget: Dr. Blake opened up the discussion on the proposed budget. Nathan asked if the video recording equipment for the HS was a "want or a need"? Nathan asked if the money

could be spent somewhere else or perhaps not at all? Dr. Blake responded with the following statistics: For the time period May 1 through November 30, 2013: There were a total of 997 hits to the website where the meeting videos are housed. 147 instances where the video was “launched”. Of the 147 times, 111 times the meeting videos were actually viewed. He said there were 715 instances of people “scrubbing” thru the video looking for a particular part of the meeting. SB members, Dr. Blake and Ms. Pomykato discussed the budget in further detail. SST tuition was discussed. Currently they’re budgeting for 110 students attending at a cost of \$288.00 per student. Software licensing was discussed. Questions were asked about the line items in the budget relating to the SB. Ms. King asked what the employee benefits under the SB summary were. There was a question concerning the graph on page 15 – the graph was too big for the page – not all the information was shown. The question was asked why it costs \$1,000,000.00 more to operate the Bakie School – more square footage, more employees, more teachers. Discussion also included the proposed STEM position, longer days at the HS and the associated costs, the two additional paraprofessional positions at Bakie and the new athletic programs/costs. Ms. Hallisey stated “we need to decide – are these needs or wants as Nathan suggested.” “What do we need to be successful?” “It is important that we look and evaluate the budget.”

Dr. Blake said he was going to “push back” in regards to wants and needs. As an example he spoke of the music program – do we need music? “How good do we want this program to be?” Ms. Miller asked if cheaper alternatives have been considered in the transportation costs? Dr. Blake responded yes, it’s more expensive for the district to run the bussing. SPED services/requirements were discussed. Dr. Blake asked how the SB would like to proceed. Ms. Ross stated she’d like to see what the Budget Committee does. She would like to see Dr. Blake and the Administrative team prioritize their budget requests. Dr. Blake said he would have a list for the next SB meeting.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT**

The 2014 NHSBA Schedule for the Delegate Assembly and “Hot Topics” was received.

**WRITTEN INFORMATION** none

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Noyes encouraged the SB to do a study to determine the cost of education in Sanborn to see if Sanborn is above/below the national average. Mr. Noyes spoke of declining enrollments and the voting machines. Is it time to update the machines?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the **Policy Committee** will be held on Wednesday, **December 11, 2013, at 6:00 PM, in room 137 at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on Wednesday, **December 18, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Public Relations Committee** will be held on Tuesday, **December 17, 2013, at 2:15 PM, at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on Wednesday, **January 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

## **NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A**

Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session at 10:55 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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