

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairperson Nancy Ross in room 137 at 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

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

EXCUSED: Dustin Ramey

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 2, 2013, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. Dr. Blake requested the following changes/additions to the Administrative Report: **Key personnel have taken courses online to learn the incident command systems. Some of the areas covered in our response plan** include: Safety Procedure, Assaults . . . In the second paragraph under Administrative Reports it should read "Currently the District is looking at the cost of installing bullet proof glass in the **entryways** in the schools." Under School Board comment, Ms. Bennett requested that it read, **"Ms. Bennett participated in a concert with the Bakie students."**

Ms. Ross polled the board to accept the minutes as corrected. All in favor.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #18 - \$875,607.38
Payroll Payroll #15 - \$751,064.86.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Molly Statezni reported that winter carnival is coming up and that students have been busy preparing for it. This year’s themes are Nickelodeon shows. Students are working on activities and a scavenger hunt.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Hallisey reported that the Public Relations Committee had met. Discussions included the upcoming Essential News. The next Essential News will focus on the Warrant Articles. They also spoke of the upcoming Spring Essential News. Some of the topics will include: NH Retirement System reductions in funding, awards and acknowledgements, update on the outdoor classroom, SAU housing and the status of the Seminary.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Ms. Ross reminded everyone that the decision to call school off is made early in the morning (generally by 5:30 AM). The Superintendent speaks to the local Superintendents (Exeter and Fremont) and he speaks to the road agents in each town. At the time the decision was made to have school this morning the roads were deemed to be safe. The weather came in very quickly and made some hazardous driving conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Bennett reported that she attended the January 9th Budget Committee Public Hearing. She stated she was pleased with the presentation. She stated that the public comments were respectful, on-point and informative. She stated that people were supportive in their remarks and supportive of the schools in general.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 2013 Warrant Articles will be discussed at the next SB meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Gannon arrived at the SB meeting at approximately 7:40 PM coming from the Budget Committee Meeting which was being held in the HS Library. She reported on the January 9th Budget Committee Public Hearing Presentation and public comment. She said that as a result of the public support that the proposed full day kindergarten program was put back in the budget. She said the Budget Committee supports both the Teachers’ and Support Staff contracts. She also reported that a BC member requested that she (Ms. Gannon) bring before

the school board a request for a motion to add a warrant article asking the public to consider whether tax impact statements be added for future warrant articles concerning the operating budget or contacts (or any warrant articles requesting monies). This was prompted by a new law in 2011 to put additional information in the warrant articles. The SB had a discussion. Mr. Doggett made a motion to include a warrant article which would ask the voters if they would like more information/tax impacts concerning future warrant articles that addressed/requested increased monies. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. Ms. Ross polled the board. Three in favor, three against approving a warrant article be added to include more information regarding tax impacts in future warrant articles requesting additional monies. Motion did not pass.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Goals Update: Dr. Blake asked Ms. Coppola to address the SB in regards to the status of finding housing for the SAU office. Ms. Coppola reported that she noticed black “stuff” on the ceiling in the shed/garage attached to the Superintendent’s office. Tests were conducted in the shed/garage, Superintendent’s office, the lunch room, and the Charter School after Christmas and tested positive for black mold. Significant mold was found in the shed/garage. Traces of mold were found in the Superintendent’s office. No mold was found in the Charter School halls. Ms. Coppola and the SB had a discussion on the options to remediate the mold situation. Discussion included costs to remediate/renovate the structure, tear down the structure, build a new free standing structure and the option of leasing office space. Ms. Coppola stated, “As a school district, we have a responsibility to fix the problem”. Ms. Coppola reported she has been in touch with a local Realtor about leasing space. She is awaiting additional information. Ms. Ross stated she is not in favor of leasing. Mr. Doggett asked Ms. Coppola if she could put the options in writing which the SB could then review concerning the different options to housing the SAU. The structural integrity of the building was also discussed. At this time a structural engineer will not be hired. Ms. Bennett reported that a part of the Seminary renovation study addressed the structural integrity of the Seminary building. “That building is the place where we should be looking to house the SAU.” “We have a tremendous amount of info that says we should go forward with the Seminary housing the SAU.” Mr. Doggett suggested that the shed/garage be ripped off the “main building” (the current SAU office space). Mr. Doggett explained that it was a student project done years ago and was not part of the building. Ms. Coppola said that Horne Construction would not renovate the building. Mr. Doggett replied that he did say renovate the building and did not “appreciate it when she turned his words around”. Ms. Coppola responded that “I’ve had it, I’m out of here” and left the meeting. Dr. Blake concluded the discussion saying that options/statistics would be put together in writing that the SB could then review.

b. Policies. Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the revised and new policies from the January 16, 2013 document in the SB packets. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the revised and new policies from the January 16, 2013 document.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT: none

WRITTEN INFORMATION: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon requested that Dr. Blake email the SB members the Legal Counsels' advice concerning questions on the Warrant Articles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 6:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School**, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

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 23, 2013**, and end on **Friday, February 1, 2013, at 5:00 PM**. *The candidate filing forms may be obtained at the SAU Office from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The School District Clerk will be available on the last day to file from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.*

The **First (Deliberative) Session** of the Annual School District Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 7:00 PM** at the **Sanborn Regional High School Auditorium**, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School**, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

The **Second (Voting) Session** of the Annual School District Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM** in the Swasey Gym (Sanborn Seminary Campus) for Kingston voters and in the Newton Town Hall for Newton voters.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:35 PM Mr. Doggett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

Minutes of the School Board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the School Board.