

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday March 6, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
 Dustin Ramey
 Nancy Ross, Chairperson

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

Excused: Carol Coppola, Business Manager

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

Dr. Blake added two new agenda items under New Business. **F. Voting** and **G. Nominations**. Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the new agenda items and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the new/additional agenda items.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 12, 2013, SRSD meeting and the Joint Fremont School District and SRSD were reviewed. Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. The following changes were made: Under **School Board comment** Ms. Gannon requested that "**some**" be added under her comment regarding the NECAP results. "Ms. Gannon stated . . . she is concerned **some** Fremont scores are higher . . .". Under **e. Deliberative Session Changes, Warrant Article 3**. Budget Committee vote after Deliberative Session was **2 in favor and 4 opposed** in support of amendment. Under **Tax Impact Statement** the word **should** be struck from the sentence "Ms. Ross stated that **should** she would not support this motion." Under "Ms. Ross asked for the vote on Motion to include Tax Impact Statements . . ." "Motion did not carry . . . **Ms. Gannon voted no.**"

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 #21 - \$842,520.88; Payroll Payroll #18 - \$755,371.86.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Strategic Plan Review: Dr. Blake introduced Ms. Andrea Ange who is working on her Superintendent internship under Dr. Blake. Ms. Ange was asked to complete a project which shows her understanding of the role of Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Blake asked Ms. Ange to do a study/analysis of the SRSD Strategic Plan. Ms. Ange handed out *Strategic Plan Update. A critical evaluation of Sanborn Regional School District's strategic plan. Examining the focus areas of curriculum, technology, culture, physical assets, staffing, communication and funding.* Ms. Ange then gave a presentation based on the hand-out. Ms. Ross thanked Ms. Ange for her presentation and the study "a tremendous amount of work, very comprehensive". Mr. Doggett asked if there was much modification to the Strategic Plan. Ms. Ange responded only in technology. Ms. Ange stated that the Strategic Plan is a roadmap of where the District is going and, as in all roads, sometimes the road changes. Ms. Ange stated that she feels SRSD is well on its way to becoming a top 10% school district in NH. She also commended everyone for all their help in preparing this analysis. Ms. Ross thanked Ms. Ange for a job "nicely done". Ms. Bennett asked when the next Strategic Plan would be "planned". Dr. Blake responded next year.

b. NECAP Scores: Dr. Blake stated that he is not pleased with the NECAP results and that he and the administrators are looking into the results. Ms. Ellen Hume-Howard and Mr. Michael Turmelle gave a presentation on the NECAP results. Ms. Hume-Howard stated that the scores are not as strong as the District would like. A discussion was held on the various standardized tests: NWEA and the Smarter Balance Test. Dr. Blake stated that he is "not a huge NECAP fan". Dr. Blake doesn't feel the test adequately measures a student's progress. The District is looking at a "harder test, more robust test". A test that measures critical thinking; not recall. Ms. Ross thanked Ms. Hume-Howard and Mr. Turmelle for their presentation.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT none

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross stated that this is Ms. Gannon's last school board meeting and thanked her for all the time and effort she put forth while on the SB. Ms. Ross stated that it is probably her last meeting as Chairperson of the SB. Ms. Ross attended the Wizard's game last night which was a Memorial School PTO fundraiser. "Kudos to Memorial School PTO". She also stated that Memorial School was putting together baskets to be raffled off. She "highly recommends buying raffle tickets for the baskets". The baskets are "amazing".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bart Noyes made a request that the high school wifi be available to the public. Mr. Noyes spoke of the tremendous turnover in the math program. "Continuity is critical." Mr. Noyes stated that it is important that the Professional and Support Staff contracts pass. It is important for the continuity of teachers.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Doggett said that the high school is looking for chaperones for the post-prom party May 11/12th. Ms. Gannon stated that this was her last SB meeting. She stated that she enjoyed her time on the SB and had a fun year. She learned a lot and hopes to continue to participate in the SB meetings as a public participant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

a. High School Graduation Date: Mr. Doggett made a motion to adopt the June 14, 2013 high school graduation date. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor to hold the HS graduation on June 14, 2013.

b. Carnival Request: Ms. Liz Beebe gave a presentation on the proposed HS Carnival fundraiser. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the HS Carnival Request. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor to approve the HS Carnival fundraiser. Mr. Brian Stack, HS Principal added ". . . an amazing group of parents. The HS PTO was started one year ago. SRHS was one of twelve high schools to receive the Blue Ribbon Award."

c. Foreign Language Program: Dr. Blake stated that one of the SB goals was to review the District's World Languages Program Ms. Ellen Hume-Howard and Mr. Michael Turmelle gave an update on the World Languages Program at Sanborn. A discussion was held concerning the World Languages Program. Some of the topics included: the need for additional staff; teachers need to be certified in the language they're teaching (NH Law); introducing world language to younger students (earlier grades). A start would be to make world language available to sixth graders and to make the ½ time language teacher at the high school a full time position which would be shared at the middle school.

d. Math Culture Committee: Dr. Blake stated that these are actually two separate issues. The math program was discussed. Mr. Turmelle made a presentation on the Positive Culture and Climate in the classroom and among teachers. They are currently studying how to bring culture and climate to a new level. Ms. Hume-Howard gave an overview of the math program: where we've been? Where are we? Where are we going? Currently there is a grant funded consultant

at the high school working with the math team. Mr. Turmelle addressed the high school math program. Mr. Turmelle thanked the SB for their patience, support and faith in the Administrators and the staff.

e. Policies: Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the second reading of Policies IKF-R and JICG as amended. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

f. Voting: Dr. Blake encouraged everyone to get the word out on the upcoming vote.

g. Nominations: Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the nominations of Ms. Bea Donahue and Mr. Colin McQueen. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the nominations of Ms. Bea Donahue and Mr. Colin McQueen.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT: none

WRITTEN INFORMATION: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Noyes spoke of the tax impact statement. He stated that it is qualitative at best. Mr. Noyes spoke about the importance of world language in our schools. "Children need to be exposed to world language from day one."

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon stated that she hopes there is more follow-up on the world language program. She stated that she is pleased that the HS Administration is taking the math performance seriously. She asked if there is consideration for single gender classes. Ms. Hume-Howard stated that there is minimal parent response for single gender classes. Mr. Rutherford stated that 1-2 parents attended the public forum on this topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3II and E

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 10:12 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. 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.