

## SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday April 3, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by School Board Chairperson Ms. Jan Bennett, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Janice Bennett, Chairperson
- Rebecca Hallisey, Vice Chairperson
- Renee King
- Jon LeBlanc
- Wendy Miller
- Dustin Ramey
- Nancy Ross
- Molly Statezni, Student Council Representative

ADMINISTRATORS:

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

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

### REVIEW AGENDA

- b. Professional Staff Nominations will be discussed in the non-public session.
  - d. Drug Policies will be addressed during the Administrative Reports.
- Add:
- f. SB Meeting Date Change
  - g. Overnight Field Trip – HS Key Club

### MINUTES

Minutes of the March 12, 2013 and March 20, 2013 (public and non-public) were reviewed. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. The following changes were made: **On the first page, first paragraph: Mr. Ross made a motion to nominate should read Ms. Ross made a motion . . .” Page 3, first paragraph, it should read (Budget Committee).** Ms. Bennett polled the board to accept the minutes as corrected. All in favor.

**MANIFEST**

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #23 - \$977,542.72; Payroll #20 - \$822,657.05.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Dr. Blake, responding to a request for a presentation/discussion on the drug and alcohol issues at the Middle and High Schools introduced Mr. Brian Stack, High School Principal, and Mr. Sandy Rutherford, Middle School Principal. A hand-out entitled “Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Update Sanborn Regional Middle and High Schools” was distributed. Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Stack gave a presentation on drug and alcohol issues at the middle and high schools. After the presentation, there was a discussion. Mr. Stack reported that the HS has a full time Safety Officer. The Middle School does not have a Safety Officer, but that when the Middle School calls the Newton Police Department, they respond to the Middle School quickly. Mr. Rutherford stated that the Newton Police Department makes a daily appearance at the Middle School.

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT** none

**SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT** Ms. Bennett thanked the Administrators at the schools for providing the board members tours of their schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** none

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT** Ms. Ross attended the spaghetti dinner at Memorial School. The spaghetti was “delicious”. The dinner was a “grand success”. It was nice to see so many in attendance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Committee Assisgnments: New Committee Assignments were handed out to the Board members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. **MS-22:** Dr. Blake met with the Administrative team to go over the default budget and discuss recommended cuts in the 2013-2014 budget to meet the default budget. Some of the reductions include: roof at the MS, some CIP Projects will be put off, no front mount mower. Staffing reductions include two paraprofessionals at the elementary level and one teacher at the elementary level; one hs teaching position, a reduction in the hs printing budget, eliminate A/P testing.

Restore non-union and administrative raises to 3 ½%. There were \$164,203.00 in changes/reductions. Dr. Blake stated that full-time kindergarten is pivotal in moving towards

the common core. What was once accomplished in first grade is now being accomplished in kindergarten. Ms. Coppola went over the MS-22. Some costs provide services and support at all levels of the school district. Costs are allocated based on enrollment.

**c. Tuition Rates** were discussed. Tuition rates are set by the SB in April for the following year. Ms. Coppola handed out a memo and Policy JFAB concerning tuition rates for 2013-2014. Ms. Ross made a motion to adopt the tuition rate recommended in the April 3, 2013 hand-out by Ms. Coppola for the following 2013-2014 schoolyear. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.

**e. Filming:** A discussion about resuming filming of the SB meetings was held. It was also discussed if having audio recordings would be sufficient. Dr. Blake stated that space would need to be rented on a server to accommodate recordings of meetings. Most SB members agreed that the costs of renting server space should be studied. Ms. Ross stated that she felt there should be some kind of recording either voice or film. Ms. Bennett stated she is all in favor of recording the meetings so the public “can see all the good things going on”. Ms. Ross made a motion to direct the Superintendent to investigate the costs associated with either voice or video recording of SB meetings. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor Mr. LeBlanc inquired about the possibility of emailing the meeting minutes to the school community.

**f. Meeting Date Change:** Dr. Blake requested to change the dates of the May SB meetings to the second and fourth Wednesday of May (**May 8 and May 22**). Ms. Hallisey made a motion to change the May SB Meetings to May 8 and May 22. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. All in favor to change the May SB meetings to May 8 and May 22, 2013.

**g. Overnight Field Trip:** Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the High School Key Club overnight field trip to the Key Club District Wide Convention in Springfield, MA, April 5 through 7, 2013. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT:** none

**WRITTEN INFORMATION:** Updated Enrollment Reports were distributed. Two resignations were received: Ms. Rachel Levine and Jennifer Smith. Mr. Ross made a motion to accept the two resignations and Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bart Noyes stated he felt that filming the SB meetings is paramount to open government. He stated a policy should be put in place with the District’s intent to film the meetings for cable. He also spoke about the current events at Rutgers University and the test scores that were

changed in Atlanta to benefit the staff. These are sad times, “some people at the highest levels acted on their own behalf and not on the behalf of the students”.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Budget Committee** will be held on Tuesday, **April 30, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on Wednesday, **May 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

### **Non-Public Session- RSA91A:3 II**

Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session at 8:56 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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