

## SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday March 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Superintendent Dr. Brian Blake, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:           Janice Bennett, Chair  
  Jon LeBlanc  
  Corey Masson  
  John Morano  
  Wendy Miller  
  Dustin Ramey, Vice Chair  
  Nancy Ross  
  Nathan Mailloux, 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.

Dr. Blake opened the meeting. The first order of the meeting was the election of SB officers. Ms. Ross nominated Janice Bennett Chairperson for the School Board. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Bennett asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Ross nominated Mr. Ramey Vice Chair, Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor

### REVIEW AGENDA

### MINUTES

Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the March 5, 2014, public and non-public meeting minutes. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. Ms. Miller requested that Ms. **Pesto's** name be corrected. It should read Ms. **Pasto**. Five in favor to accept the March 5, 2014, public and non-public meeting minutes; two abstained.

### MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #23- \$347,948.16; Payroll #19 - \$727,224.70.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Blake read the results of the March 11<sup>th</sup> election.

Moderator: Richard Russman 1206 (Newton: 646 Kingston: 560)

School Board Member Newton Two Year  
Corey Masson 603

School Board Member Newton Three Year  
Janice Bennett 632

School Board Member Kingston Three Year  
Nancy Ross 551

School Board Member at Large  
John Morano 1126 (Newton: 608 Kingston: 518)

Budget Committee Newton Three Year: James Doggett 654

Budget Committee Newton One Year: Allen Felisberto 613

Budget Committee Kingston Three Year: Cheryl Gannon 550

Article 2. General Acceptance of Reports	Yes: 1338	No: 84
Newton Yes: 737 No: 53	Kingston Yes: 601	No 31

Article 3. Operating Budget	Yes : 764	No: 796
Newton Yes: 395 No: 487	Kingston Yes: 369	No: 309

Article 4. Fund Balance Retention	Yes: 882	No: 666
Newton Yes: 470 No: 403	Kingston: 412	No: 263

Article 5: Recorded Votes and Numerical Tally	Yes: 1314	No: 208
Newton Yes: 726 No: 133	Kingston Yes: 588	No 75

Article 6: Estimated Tax Impact	Yes: 1085	No: 449
Newton Yes: 612 No: 254	Kingston Yes: 473	No 195

Article 7: Rescind Senate Bill (SB2)(RSA 40:14-VII)	Yes: 404	No: 1111
Newton Yes: 214 No: 650	Kingston Yes: 190	No: 461

Article 8: Tax Cap	Yes: 721	No: 810
Newton Yes: 391 No: 470	Kingston Yes: 330	No: 340

Dr. Blake reported that he attended the HS Play, South Pacific. Kids did a great job, “phenomenal”. There were some issues about the amount of practice time; Dr. Blake reported the students “did a fantastic job”.

Dr. Blake reported that SRSD is receiving attention at both the state and national level concerning the District’s involvement in competency based grading. A team from Sanborn will be presenting at a meeting for the league of innovative schools on competency based grading. Dr. Blake will be attending a think tank session in Kentucky in April based on the competency based grading. Dr. Blake stated that Sanborn is on the “cutting edge” nationwide in competency based grading.

Dr. Blake reported that a Sanborn basketball player scored his 1000<sup>th</sup> point recently. The last Sanborn player to hit that mark was our newly elected SRSD School Board Member John Morano. SRHS teacher Ms. Karen Ladd was awarded the Christa McAullife Leadership Award.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Nate reported that the Student Council will be hosting motivational speaker A’ric Jackson on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS none**

### **SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S**

Ms. Bennett thanked everyone for the opportunity to Chair the School Board for another year. She stated that what the School Board does is valuable and worthwhile to ensure the success of students. “Welcome Aboard” to the new SB members. Ms. Bennett reported that she had attended the SRHS production of South Pacific. “The show was great.” “Congratulations to everyone.” Ms. Bennett gave a “shout-out” to Mr. Stack for providing senior citizens in the community tickets to the play. “A lot of those tickets showed up” at the play.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Ms. Gannon welcomed the new SB members. She said she hopes they find serving the SB a valuable experience and that the learning curve is not too big. Ms. Gannon said she hopes they enjoy the experience and do their best for the District. Ms. Gannon attended South Pacific. She stated it was a “thrill” to attend events at the SRHS auditorium – such a difference from when her children attended Sanborn.

### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT**

Ms. Ross welcomed the new SB members. She congratulated Ms. Gannon on her election to the SRSD Budget Committee. She also congratulated Ms. Bennett and Mr. Ramey on their election to Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Ross asked about filming the plays? Only ten second clips are allowed.

Mr. Corey Masson thanked everyone for welcoming him to the SB and the community. He welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the SB and community. "Thank you."

### **New Business**

a. Appointment of District Officers

Ms. Ross made a motion to appoint:

Ronald A. Brickett, School District Treasurer  
Donna LeBlanc, School District Deputy Treasurer  
Gail LeBlanc, School District Clerk

Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

b. Re-affirmation of School Board Policies: Ms. Ross made a motion to affirm all School Board Policies according to Policy BDA: Board Organizational Meeting. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

c. Committee Assignments: Ms. Bennett requested that all members get their requests to her by March 26<sup>th</sup>. She asked members to please note their availability.

d. MS-22: The MS-22 was passed around for the SB members signatures. Ms. Coppola stated the report is broken down by function and includes all funds and appropriations. Ms. Ross asked when Article 4, Fund Balance Retention would take effect? July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT** Dr. Blake reported that the District would be presenting (a first time) an All District Music Concert Thursday at the SRHS Auditorium. The Elementary, Middle School and High School bands will be playing a couple of numbers together. Dr. Blake stated this should be an "incredible performance". The theme from Stars Wars will be performed. Mr. LeBlanc asked if the performance would be recorded? Dr. Blake did not know.

Dr. Blake reported that SRHS was placed in lockdown Tuesday, 3/18/14. The District received notice that there was a despondent parent who may come by the school to pick up a child. The Kingston Police suggested the school go into lockdown. The lockdown lasted approximately one half hour. The police reported that they met with the individual later in the day and that there were no arrests made. Dr. Blake reported that students and staff responded well to the lockdown. "All worked out well." Dr. Blake reported that he wrote an article that would appear in the Carriage Towne News on student and staff safety. Some of Dr. Blake's suggestions in an emergency/lockdown situation: Please don't come to the school. Please don't text or call your student. Ms. Miller suggested that Dr. Blake post the article to Facebook and the District webpage.

Dr. Blake reported that the next SRSD joint meeting with Fremont would be held April 16<sup>th</sup> in Room 137, SRHS, Kingston, NH. Ms. Bennett asked that all SB members receive a copy of the tuition agreement with Fremont as the discussion will most likely focus around that.

#### **WRITTEN INFORMATION**

Dr. Blake handed out a phone list to all members. He also stated that he received information from the New Hampshire Association of School Boards on upcoming SB member orientations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** none

#### **School Board Comment**

Ms. Miller asked if there was an update on the senior class trip? They've decided on doing day trips. Ms. Ross asked about the SRSD policy regarding fingerprinting? Dr. Blake stated that he would look into it. Dr. Blake prefers that everybody working in the district be fingerprinted. (There was some question as to whether SB members needed to be fingerprinted.) Ms. Miller stated she felt this was setting a good example having everyone fingerprinted. "If it's not policy, it should be." Mr. Masson asked about CORI checks. Dr. Blake responded it was part of the fingerprint package. Mr. Masson said he had read that the new SB members would be matched up with a peer. Dr. Blake said yes, new members would be matched with a peer.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The first **Ad-Hoc Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM in room 137, at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 7:00 PM, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **joint meeting of the Sanborn Regional/Fremont School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 6:00 PM, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

Ms. Ross made a motion at 8:06 PM to adjourn the meeting. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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