

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday October 7, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by Jon LeBlanc, School Board Chair, in Room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Jon LeBlanc, Chair
 Corey Masson
 Roberto Miller
 Wendy Miller, Vice Chair
 Dustin Ramey
 Nancy Ross

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools
 Carol Coppola, Business Manager
 Jodi Guterman, Student Services Director

EXCUSED: Janice Bennett
 Monique Ricard, Student Council Representative

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

MINUTES

Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the September 23, 2015, joint public, public and non-public meeting minutes. Mr. Masson seconded the motion. All in favor.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #7-\$928,227.44
Payroll #8 - \$806,003.32

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT Dr. Blake reported on the Draft District Report Card which has taken a couple of months to produce. He said the report card is really a District profile. Ms. Ellen Hume-Howard gave a presentation on the draft report card. She stated that one of the goals would be to produce a product that could be uploaded to the District website and printed in newsletter quality. She said another goal was to make it readable and to clarify things that may

be confusing people. The report card should also be a friendly way to communicate. A few questions for the SB included: Is this an annual report that is “static” or is this something you wish to be a “fluid” document? Do we update this every fall or when new data comes out? Components include: competency data, PACE results, District data, growth data, smarter balance, a look at SAT scores, class profiles, breakdown of students - how many in band? athletics? Ms. Hume-Howard said another question for the SB – Would you like a profile by grade level? Ms. Hume-Howard said the document could also include state-wide data; average salaries at SAU17; what is a typical day at Sanborn? Does the SB want to include a message? Mr. Masson said he thought a “fluid” document would be great. He cautioned that fluid data has to be coherent. He said the historical data would be important to him. He asked if there would be any mention of ethnicity or race? He would like to see class profiles. Dr. Blake reported that the District has approximately 20% students who receive free and reduced lunch. He said there was 1% racial diversity in the District. Mr. LeBlanc said he would like to see data trends from year to year. Ms. Miller would like to see class profiles. The target date for completion is November 2015.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee: Mr. Miller reported that the Facilities Committee had met last Monday. Infinite R made a presentation of a product that would be used in conjunction with the insulation on the MS roof. The product has the capabilities of regulating building temperatures. Mr. Miller stated he thought it is a good product and thinks it is a good idea. Mr. LeBlanc asked if it would be installed on the roof itself? No, it will be installed above the sheetrock in the attic along with the cellulose insulation. The product is made custom to the area of the country it will be used in. Ms. Coppola stated it is a relatively inexpensive way to save energy costs. The return on investment would be 5.8 years. There would be an approximate \$4800/per year savings in heating fuel. The MS would benefit in that the building will be more comfortable to students and staff. Now would be a perfect time to install while the MS roof is being repaired. Mr. Miller stated that the life expectancy would almost be infinite. Mr. LeBlanc asked if there would be fans? No. The product takes the R value and quadruples it. It works by way of a chemical reaction that heats or cools the air depending on a set temperature.

The initial cost is \$28,000.00. The company will install four sensors to monitor temperatures inside and out. Someone asked about condensation. It was explained there would be no condensation. The product works by way of a chemical change in the material. Mr. Masson asked if the job would go out to bid? No. Mr. Masson asked if it would help the MS to become a green building? Not sure. Ms. Miller asked if the District knows what the costs are to the District to cover the MS repair? No final information has been received from the insurance

company or FEMA. The SB approved \$501,000.00 for repairs. The District signed a contract for \$267,000.00 for repairs. Mr. Masson asked what the District policy is regarding competitive bids? Policy DJE states purchases above \$20,000.00 go out to bid, but the SB has the right to waive this. Ms. Ross asked if there were other contractors who offer this? A few in the Midwest. Mr. Masson asked if the current contractor would perform the work? It was explained that the contractor chosen subs out all the work. Mr. Miller stated that it is money being invested for the future. Mr. Masson made a motion to approve \$28,000.00 for the Infinite R insulation product, providing the District get and receive three competitive quotes. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Two in favor; four opposed. Motion failed. Ms. Ross made a motion to award the \$28,000.00 insul-core contract to Infinite R. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. Four in favor; two opposed. Motion passed.

Budget: Ms. Ross reported that the Budget Committee met. The BC has requested clarification on the transportation contract. The BC is working on a survey for the community. A "Did You Know Article" will be available October 20th. The BC has requested that budget requests be received by November 13th. The BC discussed sitting down with administrators and going through the budget line items. No determination was made on the process yet. Ms. Ross stated that the purpose of the joint commission was not to ask questions for each item. The next BC meeting will be held October 15th. Ms. Ross reported that Ms. Gannon asked that any major issues be brought to her attention.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT Mr. LeBlanc congratulated SRSD on winning the Lawrence W. O'Toole Award of \$100,000.00. He thanked the community for their outpouring of support. He gave a shout out to the High School on the upcoming homecoming this weekend. Activities this week include theme days, floats and skits. All four classes are preparing floats for the parade Saturday morning. There will be food offerings. Mr. LeBlanc said he was disappointed to read an article in the Carriage Town News by the Newton Kingston Taxpayers Association (NKTA). He said the facts were not accurate. He said neither the meeting minutes nor the video were represented accurately.

PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Annie Collyer stated that the NKTA article was based on SB minutes. Ms. Collyer congratulated the entire community on the Ellie Mae \$100,000.00 award. Ms. Collyer stated that ¾ of the voters have no affiliation with the schools. She said many in the community said they cannot sustain the tax increases. She urged the SB to find savings in the budget preparation. She encouraged more use of VLACs. She stated that year after year the voters reject the school budget. She urged the SB to win the voters over. Ms. Collyer said there is a disconnect between the voters and the school district.

Mr. Jim Baker provided an analysis of what taxes will be in the future if the budget continues to increase at the current rate. He spoke of the Rule of 72. He said he believes tax increases are not sustainable. He said an increase of 2-3% should be considered.

Mr. LeBlanc said the text in the article was not part of the SB minutes.

Mr. Kurt Baitz stated he attended a SB meeting in June and asked that there be conversations in the schools regarding heroin and alcohol abuse. He stated we need to touch every child from MS to HS. He wants all families to be aware of the crisis going on. He asked the SB to please address these issues. He asked in June, and it has still not been addressed. He stated the community needs to be proactive. Mr. Baitz commented on the Joint Meeting with Fremont. He said there was a contract with Fremont to pay a set amount of tuition for Fremont students. He asked the SB not to renegotiate the Fremont contract. He said that no money should be going back to Fremont from the unexpended fund. A contract was voted on and should be adhered to. He urged the SB not to go back to a line item budget process. He remembers his days on the SB staying until 2:00 AM working on the budget. Mr. Baitz commented on an earlier motion being made by Ms. Ross, where Mr. Masson cut her off and offered his own motion concerning the insulation contract. He said that it's just common courtesy to let someone finish their motion. Ms. Miller stated she applauds Mr. Baitz and his concern for drug education in the District. She said the SB has had multiple work sessions and she has endorsed drug education in the schools and has received little support from the other members of the SB. She stated that on October 26 all SRSD students in grades 6-12 will attend a presentation by Jeff Allison, a former baseball player whose life was affected by drugs. On October 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM the MS will present "Hide and Seek". Parents and staff will tour a mock teenager bedroom and see where potential drug activity could be. She said she attended last year and that it was very educational.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT Mr. LeBlanc stated that there have been 3-4 SB work sessions where drug awareness was discussed as well as the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Enrollment: Enrollment reports were distributed as part of the SB packet. Dr. Blake reported that numbers are down by 20 students this year. The enrollment is as follows: Bakie 350; Memorial 305; Middle School 400; and High School 686 for a total of 1741. The bulk of the MS increase is former charter school students attending the MS.

Nurse Substitute Pay: Dr. Blake reported that the District is having a difficult time filling substitute nurse positions. A survey was completed last year, and the SB voted to increase the

substitute nurse pay to \$175.00/day for the year. Dr. Blake is requesting the SB to approve the \$175.00/day permanently. Ms. Ross made a motion to permanently increase the rate of pay for substitute nurses to \$175.00 per day. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor to increase the rate of pay for substitute nurses to \$175.00 per day.

Policies: Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the second reading of: JBAB Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students; BEDG-R Access to Minutes and Public Records; BEDG-R1 Public Records Request Form; BGE Policy Dissemination. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. Mr. LeBlanc noted that under JBAB Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students, the choice for caps and gowns for graduating students is blue and white, not blue and grey. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve for deletion Policies KDB and KDB-R Public's Right to Know. Mr. Masson seconded the motion. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT Dr. Blake received a Request for a Leave of Absence which will be discussed in the non-public meeting.

WRITTEN INFORMATION none

PUBLIC COMMENT none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT none

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIa

Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:04 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.

The next **Budget Committee meeting** will be held on **October 16 at 7:30 PM** in the library at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

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