

Sanborn Regional School Board

**Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, April 06, 2016. The meeting was called to order in the Library at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH.

ATTENDANCE:

SRSB SCHOOL BOARD

Corey Masson
Janice Bennett
Roberto Miller
Pamela Brown
Peter Broderick

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent
Carol Coppola
Jodi Gutterman

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE THE FLAG

REVIEW AGENDA

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Mr. Broderick stated that on page 7, it was Dr. Brown that had made the statement and not him.
All in Favor

EXPENDITURES REGISTER

Mr. Broderick requested that the School Board receive information at least 1 day prior to the meetings, in order to have able time to review the information. Ms. Coppola agreed to revise the vendor manifest schedule in order to accommodate this request. Carol did state that payroll was unable to change.

MANIFEST-REVIEW and SIGN

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Blake mentioned that Sanborn has undergone a successful Title I evaluation, and received complimentary feedback for having excellent documentation. He also reported that the Strategic Plan structure and format is in place and the next step would be to bring it to the larger community. He announced that visitors from the US and NH Departments of Education toured the Memorial School last week and had many positive comments regarding the students and their work-study practices.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT –Monique Ricard

Monique Ricard, stated that the Student Council recently helped with the 8th grade step-up activities, and is anticipating attending the Student Council District meeting on Friday. In addition, this weekend's activities include a community service convention for Key Club members and Youth in Government at the statehouse in Concord. The French, Spanish, and National Honor Society inductions will be held on Monday evening at the High School.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR PERSONS COMMENT

Mr. Masson invited the public to attend Cinderella this weekend (performed by the Middle School students) and the upcoming PTO Comedy Night. He also stated that he feels the challenge of the 2 factions which exist, but encouraged at the opportunity this presents to look beyond the differences, learn from each other's' perspectives, and come together.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Dr. Brown noted that the adversarial process could have positive results, through a participatory process that lends itself to a full airing of information and ideas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Budget Reductions

The Board resumed its budget discussions from previous meetings, with the objective of concluding the discussion with a final vote. Dr. Blake brought forward a new budget proposal, this allows for retaining the Middle School Technology teacher (formerly the District Technology Integrator) and restoring most of the Drama program budget, which were the priorities identified in the previous budget discussions. This would be accomplished through eliminating the Drug and Alcohol Counselor line item, as the grant for that position has been extended through the next 2 years, and some capital improvements and equipment purchases, which will be funded this year instead of next year. Ultimately, this proposal was approved; however, Mr. Broderick expressed concern

over some repairs/improvements being postponed, such as the leaking roof at Bakie, the Middle School windows, and the resurfacing of the High School tennis courts. He stressed that these items should be priorities for completion in the near future. On the assumption that unexpended funds may be available this year, it was requested that Ms. Coppola provide regular financial statements in order to identify this opportunity in time to review bids and contract the work before the conclusion of this fiscal year. Dr. Brown also suggested that the Board member stipend be reduced to \$100 (to match state legislators), as a further cost-savings measure. Mr. Masson noted that one of the budget reduction measures was to move the administrative and non-union staff's health insurance coverage to a plan that will likely raise their costs through the introduction of a deductible, and expressed his appreciation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Masson, announced that Mr. Ramey has resigned from the Board, citing personal obligations. The 2 Kingston representatives, Ms. Ross and Mr. Broderick will vote on the replacement.

Committee Assignments

Mr. Masson reviewed the committee assignments for this year: Budget-Mr. Miller; Facilities-Ms. Bennett, Ms. Ross, TBD; Finance- Ms. Ross, Mr. Miller, TBD; Negotiations-Mr. Masson, Dr. Brown, Ms. Bennett; Personnel-Mr. Masson, Mr. Broderick, TBD; Policy-Dr. Brown, Ms. Ross, Mr. Broderick; Public Relations-Mr. Masson; Seacoast Learning Collaborative-TBD; Seacoast School of Technology-Mr. Masson. A new committee will be formed, for Proficiency and Improvements. Mr. Masson asked that each subcommittee meet prior to the next board meeting and establish a meeting schedule.

Professional Staff Resignations

There are 4 staff Resignations, Lauren Campbell, Sarah Robinson, Jill Zeeban and Amanda Smith.

Tuition Rates

Tabled until the next meeting of the School Board.

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Ms. Coppola stated that the report is essential for setting tuition rates for Sanborn and Fremont Schools.

COMMUNICATIONS/SENT/RECEIVED

Dr. Blake went over an article that was in USA Today referencing the Middle and Memorial School. The district was never contacted regarding the article.

AGENDA NEXT MEETING:

Mr. Masson would like to start having goal setting sessions.

Dr. Brown would like to know the dates of the five-year strategic plan process meetings so she can attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Gluck stressed the importance of retaining good teachers, highlighting the achievements and accolades of several Sanborn staff members, and challenging the image conveyed earlier of the adversarial process as positive; she suggested that the emphasis would be better placed on accountability, transparency, unity, and compromise.

Cheryl Gannon wanted to thank Dustin Ramey for his hard work serving the School Board. She also believes it is great that Sanborn is getting so much positive recognition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the School Board Room** (Room 137), at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of the secretary, the minutes taken from the video upload on the District webpage.

Recorder,

Katherine Pisani