

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson Nancy Ross in room 137, 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
Molly Statezni, Student Council Representative

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 made a motion to change the agenda. An overnight field trip request by the HS Student Council to Waterville Valley, NH, was added under Administrative reports.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. Ms. Gannon made a motion to correct the minutes to read: Page 2 Vicky Parady-Guay is the **District** Athletic Director. Under the 2nd paragraph it should read **high school overseas** field trip. On page 3, under Student Council Report it should read "baskets to be **donated**" at the State meeting. Under Public Comment, Mr. Noyes asked the school board to consider **tuitioning** Fremont 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Ms. Ross polled the board to accept the minutes as corrected. All in favor.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Payroll #9 - \$745,011.53; Payroll #10 - \$721,924.63; Accounts Payable #13 - \$1,072,269.01.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Blake introduced Mr. Brian Stack, Mr. Jon VanderEls, Ms. Ellen Hume-Howard, and Mr. Sandy Rutherford. Mr. Stack gave a presentation/overview of the current music program. The District began rebuilding the music program five years ago. A discussion was held between the Administrators and the School Board. The goal of the Sanborn music program is to add a strings program. The chorus program is “booming”. There is a HS Music Boosters Group which is growing. Ms. Bennett commented, “It seems we’re moving in the right direction”.

Dr. Blake presented the request for the High School Student Council overnight field trip to Waterville Valley November 9, 2012. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the field trip. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Bennett reported that the Negotiations Committee had met and that they are “seconds away” from a tentative agreement in both contracts. She stated this had been a very positive experience for her.

Ms. Bennett reported that Policies EB, JLI, JLIB, JRE, JM, JQ and JQ-R were reaffirmed. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the reaffirmation of the policies. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor to approve the reaffirmation of the policies.

Ms. Bennett reported that Policy JLIA was revised. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the revised policy. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor to approve the revised policy.

Ms. Gannon reported that the Budget Committee had met. Discussion included:
Retirement costs - it is expected there will be a \$325,000.00 increase for FY 2013-2014.
Health insurance is expected to increase 9%. A goals based budget was discussed. The budget calendar was reviewed. The newest members of the Budget Committee visited all four schools and were impressed at how well they are being cared for/maintained. Mr. Clark attended a budget workshop at LGC (local government center). Mr. Clark distributed handouts from the workshop to all committee members.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Ms. Ross reminded everyone that the weather was nasty outside and to please drive safely on their way home.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noyes reminded everyone that it was budget season and the need to understand and listen to the community concerns and the financial well being of the community.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Bennett attended the outdoor classroom ceremony. It's "fabulous". She met the builder, and a lot of "proud kids". The chorus sang. This is a "wonderful space, bursting with possibilities". Ms. Gannon asked Dr. Blake if there was any follow-up on taping the future SB meetings. He replied that he's talked with Mr. Ficker, District Technology Director. Sanborn doesn't have the capability to host the videos. Sanborn would need a "hosted service". Mr. Doggett asked about the possibility of posting the meetings on Youtube. Dr. Blake responded that videos are limited to 15 minute clips. Ms. Gannon asked if thank yous were sent to the schools for the artwork in the SB room. Ms. Hallisey reported she attended the high school sports banquet. It was a nice program with a slide show. Ms. Hallisey also suggested that maybe the music program reach out to the community for a volunteer to help get a strings program started.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Review Goals – to be addressed in December, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Judy Rubin and Ms. Virginia Morse of the Kingston Historic District Commission and Ms. Maggie Stier of the National Trust for Historic Preservation spoke to the SB about how to make the Seminary preservation happen. A warrant article to preserve the seminary in the March 2012 election was defeated. Ms. Stier asked the SB to accept the help of the Historic District Commission and the National Trust to help figure out how to get money and grants. Ms. Ross said she had a conversation with Ms. Rubin and it is not the SB's intent to let the building deteriorate. The Seminary preservation is on the mind of the SB all the time. The preservation of the seminary is not at the forefront this year due to other budget requests. Mr. Doggett gave a brief history of past studies, alternative solutions and the articles of agreement. Ms. Bennett stated that the District has a need for the space and "we're not ready to abandon these needs, and we haven't given up on the property". Ms. Ross asked what the Historic District Commission can do to help publicize the need to preserve the Seminary? She also asked the Historic District Commission if they would work with the SB Public Relations Committee? Ms. Ross stated, "We appreciate your assistance."

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

The SB members received the Bakie Buzz, the Memorial School Newsletter and an Enrollment report. Ms. Ross reported she received a letter from Ms. Judy Rubin of the Kingston Historic Commission thanking the District for the signs at Colcord Hall and Gilmore Cottage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noyes said he felt the SB did a good job educating the Historic District Commission about

the importance of getting the contracts and the budget passed in the March vote.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **Budget Committee/Sanborn Regional School Board joint meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **November 14, 2012, at 6:00 PM** at the **Sanborn Regional High School Library, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on Wednesday, **December 5, 2012, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

The next **Policy Committee** meeting will be held on **November 19 at 6:30 PM at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA91-A:3 Ilc Student

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:40 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

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