

## SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday June 4, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ms. Janice Bennett, Chair, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:           Janice Bennett, Chair  
  Jon LeBlanc  
  Wendy Miller  
  Corey Masson  
  John Morano  
  Dustin Ramey, Vice Chair  
  Nancy Ross  
  Nathan Mailloux, Student Council Rep. (outgoing)  
  Bella Dunham, Student Council Rep. (new)

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

**Add:** Personnel Committee under School Board Committee Reports. **Move New Business b.** Freshman Football; **g.** Tracking District Progress and **c.** Food Service Agreement to follow Administrative report.

### MINUTES

Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the May 21, 2014, meeting minutes. Mr. Morano seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. LeBlanc noted that Roger Clark's name was misspelled. **It should read Roger Clark, not Roget Clark.**

### MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #28- \$952,403.79  
Payroll #25 - \$832,758.49.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Blake reported that later in the evening three reports will be presented: Technology Update; Freshmen Football and Tracking District Progress.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Nathan Mailloux, Student Council Representative thanked the School Board for the scholarship he received. He stated it would be a “big help” with college. Nathan reported that the school year is winding down. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the seniors will be taking their class trips. Plans include white water rafting and Old Orchard Beach. Ms. Bennett thanked Nathan for his contributions to the School Board. Dr. Blake stated it was a pleasure to have Nathan on the Board. It was good to have his perspective and candor. Dr. Blake commented on Nathan’s sense of humor. “Thank you for your service.” Ms. Miller also thanked Nathan for his service. Nathan introduced the new Student Council Representative Bella Dunham.

## **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Relations Committee: Ms. Bennett reported that the Public Relations Committee met May 28<sup>th</sup>. The main topic discussed was the upcoming Essential News. The next Essential News will be published at the end of June. Mr. Ramey reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had met. Each of the buildings and the problems with each building were discussed. An extensive discussion was held on solutions going forward and looking at the feasibility of projects for the buildings. Ms. Ross reported that the Personnel Committee had met. The Superintendent’s online evaluation was discussed. Ms. Ross reported that some people were concerned about the anonymity of their responses. Ms. Ross reported that all completed surveys are confidential. Ms. Ross stated that the evaluation was very comprehensive and that the Committee is using the survey as a tool. The Committee would like to see more people take part in the survey. The next Superintendent Evaluation will be available in December 2014. This is the first year that the new evaluation was used. The Committee also went over some job descriptions. Some new job descriptions will be brought back to the Board in the future for Board approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **B. Freshman Football**

Ms. Vicky Parady-Guay appeared before the School Board to request the addition of a proposed Freshman Football Team. Some of the benefits she reported are: Allow the incoming freshmen the ability to practice and play with their own age group and competitive ability; It would improve more hands on instruction; Fundamental skills would be able to be taught and reinforced; It would allow for more game time playing experience; The athletes would be able to learn the system the varsity is running to be a better feeder program. The proposed cost to add freshmen football would be \$2,250.00. That figure covers the officials and bus expenses.

Ms. Parady-Guay said the costs would be absorbed into the current budget. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the addition of a freshmen football program. Mr. Morano seconded the motion. Six in favor; one abstained – Ms. Bennett.

d. Technology

Mr. Robert Ficker, Director of Technology, gave a presentation on the current inventory of SRSD technology equipment and spoke of the Technology Department's end of year purchases. He spoke of how equipment is recycled and that a certificate of destruction is received on each computer that leaves the district. He spoke of the district device refresh plan. Apps for the IPADs were discussed. Mr. Ficker reported that each classroom has a mimeo board, mimeo pad, and document camera. He stated that no one can load software onto laptops.

g. Tracking District Progress

Dr. Blake introduced Ms. Hume-Howard to give an update on where the district is in accomplishing its goal of becoming a top school in New Hampshire. Dr. Blake quoted Einstein, "Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts" in regards to data points. Ms. Hume-Howard prepared and distributed a hand-out of comparison data provided by the State for the year 2012-2013. Some of the areas covered were: Cost per pupil; enrollment by grade; average class size; and school safety. The 2013 NECAP Report was discussed.

c. Food Service Agreement

Ms. Ross made a motion to extend the Food Service Provider Contract for one year. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor.

a. Nominations & Resignations

Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the nomination of Ms. Heather Wheeler, Physical Science/High School to replace Emily Banks. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the nomination of Ms. Shannon Cole, Pre-School (.5)/Memorial. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the resignation of Kathleen Murphy, Special Education Teacher/Memorial. Mr. Masson seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the resignation of Phillip Curtis, Math/High School. Mr. Masson seconded the motion. All in favor.

E. Summer Schedule

The School Board will take the month of July off. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting before meetings begin again in mid-August before school starts. Ms. Ross made a motion that June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting and that the SB would take a hiatus over the summer. Mr. Ramey

seconded the motion. Six in favor, one opposed – Mr. Masson. Mr. Masson stated that he would like to continue to meet during the summer.

f. Permission to Employ

Dr. Blake explained that historically the SB has granted the Superintendent permission to hire during the summer months. Employees are offered “conditional employment”. Ms. Ross made a motion to permit the Superintendent to hire new staff during the summer. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

At 8:45 PM the SB adjourned for a break. At 8:55 PM the meeting resumed.

**SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT**

Ms. Bennett reported that she attended the SRHS Partners in Education Internship Recognition Breakfast May 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bennett thanked the following organizations for providing internships for Sanborn students: Audi International, My Reis Salon, Elation Salon, Excel Physical Therapy, SRHS FLC, Memorial Elementary School, Kingston Police Department, Wonderland Thrift Shop, Bump and Grind Auto, SRHS Theater Department, Dimanna Law Office, Ellis School Speech Pathology, Abilities Physical Therapy, Exeter Inn, UTP Tires, Kingston Conservation Committee, Kingston Fire Department, Exeter Sport and Spine, Bakie Elementary School, World Affairs Council, SRMS Music Department and the Plaistow Kingston Animal Medical Center. Ms. Bennett reported that she also attended the Academic Awards Night at the high school. “Always a great night!” Ms. Bennett thanked Nathan for his service to the School Board and welcomed Bella Dunham as the new Student Council Representative.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT**

Ms. Ross reported that she attended the Career Pathways breakfast. She stated that the program provides students the opportunity to shadow in positions in which they are interested in. “Tremendous opportunity” for students to work in fields in which they are interested in. Next year’s program has 75 students signed up. “Kudos to all.” Ms. Ross reported that she also attended the Recognition Banquet. Students ask someone who has had a positive impact on their life to introduce them at the banquet. One student asked the SB Chair, Ms. Bennett, to speak on her behalf. Ms. Ross listed quite a few adjectives used to describe this year’s recipients: nurturing, caring, driven, doesn’t settle for mediocrity, kindness, three sport athlete, heart of gold, role model, to name just a few. Ms. Ross stated that this was the theme throughout the evening. Ms. Ross reported that the Senior Academic Awards followed the Recognition Banquet. \$35,400 in scholarships was awarded locally. Over \$3.5 million in scholarships were received directly from colleges on the student’s behalf. Ms. Ross thanked

Nathan. She told him he was a lot of fun and that his insight was very valuable. "I will truly miss you." "Welcome Ms. Dunham." Mr. Ramey thanked Nathan for his service and wished him luck. "Don't forget to come back and visit." Mr. LeBlanc attended the Senior Banquet and Recognition. He said it was a little different this year in that students will receive a CD of the evening's events. Mr. LeBlanc thanked Nathan for his service to the SB.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

School Board goals were discussed. One of the goals discussed was the Strategic Plan and the steps necessary to begin the process. It was agreed that there will be an advertisement to recruit community members to develop a sub-committee. The SP timeline was discussed. The new strategic plan will be implemented July 1, 2015. The location of the SAU Office and Seminary campus was discussed as a SB goal. The SB will be reviewing the seminary campus and its future uses.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT** SB members received an invitation to the HS graduation.

**WRITTEN INFORMATION** An agreement was received from the insurance company in regards to the clean-up at the HS from the fire in February. The payout amount is \$245,000.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Ms. Gannon thanked Nathan for his participation on the SB. She stated that it is very important for the SB and schools to hear Nathan's thoughts. Ms. Gannon welcomed Bella to the SB. Ms. Gannon stated that the goal of finding the SAU office space needs to be addressed with more urgency. She stated that there are concerns about the safety, health and well-being of the SAU employees. Ms. Gannon spoke of a technology survey done years ago by the District. She asked, how are teachers using technology? What percentage of teachers are using technology and integrating it into the classroom? She asked if teachers are trained. What are the benefits to students? Ms. Gannon also asked if there were any seniors who are at risk of not graduating. Ms. Gannon thanked the SB for bringing the technology team and the data team to tonight's meeting.

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT** none

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 7:00 PM, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board Public Relations Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 4:00 PM**, at the **SAU Administrative Offices, 178 Main Street, Kingston.**

The next **Ad-Hoc Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 6:00 PM**, Room 100 **at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

At 9:46 PM, Ms. Ross made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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