

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday September 17, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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
 John Morano
 Dustin Ramey, Vice Chair
 Nancy Ross

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools
 Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services
 Carol Coppola, Business Manager

EXCUSED: Corey Masson
 Isabella Dunham, Student Council Representative

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

Under New Business; a. Ice Hockey: Ms. Parady-Guay is at a field hockey game and anticipates arriving at the meeting late. Ice Hockey will be discussed later in the evening.

MINUTES

Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the September 3, 2014, meeting minutes. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. On page 2, under the Technology Dept. update *ten laptops were installed **should be changed to ten iPad carts.** 130 laptops were installed at the elementary schools **should be changed to 65 ipads were distributed to each elementary school – Bakie and Memorial.** On page 4, under School Board Committee Reports: **Ms. Bennett stated she had attended opening day**, not Ms. Ross. **Ms. Bennett stated she was happy with the SAU Office move**, not Ms. Ross. Five in favor; one abstained – Mr. Morano.*

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #5- \$661,770.37; Payroll #6 - \$841,368.65.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Blake will report on the Pace Performance Assessment at the next SB meeting.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD-HOC Committee: Mr. Ramey reported that the AD-HOC Committee had met. The Committee has decided that it is time for a professional to come and look at the property and suggest optional uses for the Seminary. A real estate professional has visited the property. They would like \$1,000.00 down payment to formulize plans. The second option the committee has discussed is having someone from the Plan NH Group (a group geared toward the historical side of things) visit the seminary. Plan NH charges \$2,500.00 for their planning. Mr. Ramey made a motion to approve the sum NTE \$4,000.00 to hire a professional to explore the use options of the Seminary campus. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. Ms. Ross asked Mr. Ramey if he was comfortable with the (NTE) \$4,000.00 figure? Yes. Ms. Miller asked if legal counsel would go over any contracts? Yes. Ms. Bennett stated she felt it was a good idea to go forward with hiring professional assistance. "Knowledge is power." All in favor.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Ms. Bennett stated she was excited about this weekend’s Homecoming at the High School. She does not believe she will make it, but wished them all well. "Good luck students." Ms. Bennett asked if SB members would consider hosting a SB table at the upcoming HS open house.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noyes said he knew of someone – Jeff Woodburne, RE Agent – he believes that is the name. Mr. Woodburne’s firm deals with historic properties. He thought this person would be helpful in the Ad-Hoc Committee’s search for a professional.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross stated she would be attending Homecoming. She also stated that she thought it was a good idea to have a table at the HS open house. She does not think she’ll be able to attend, but feels it is important to have a table. Mr. LeBlanc encouraged everyone to come to the Homecoming this weekend. He stated there will be food, athletic events, skits and a parade. "Great time!" The parade begins at 7:30 AM at the old St. Frederick’s church. Mr. Morano stated he would be attending Homecoming. He reported the soccer game begins at noon. "Nice seeing the kid’s passion." Dr. Blake stated it has been interesting having the SAU office located in the high school. This week is spirit week. He saw some great costumes and a lot of spirit. This year’s homecoming theme is Super Heroes. Ms. Miller reported that she attended Memorial School’s Passport to Learning/open house. "Nice to see all the teachers." She stated it was well attended. She also attended the Open House at the MS. She stated that as a parent

she was pleased to hear about the open door policy at the MS. She stated the MS Open House was well attended. Saturday is Newton Day and the Memorial School is sponsoring a 5K run.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

b. Seminary Trustee Donation: Dr. Blake reported he received a letter from Mr. Stack, HS Principal, outlining the Seminary Trustee's donation to fund programs and initiatives in the amount of \$12,157.36. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the acceptance of the annual grant program outlined in the September 9, 2014, letter to Dr. Blake. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. Ms. Bennett asked if the donation is to the HS only? Yes. All in favor to accept the annual grant in the amount of \$12,157.36 outlined in the September 9, 2014, document to Dr. Blake. Mr. LeBlanc stated he thinks it's great that the Trustees are able to do this funding. Ms. Bennett asked that a thank you letter be sent on behalf of the SB to the Seminary Trustees.

c. Paperless Board Meetings: Dr. Blake stated that in an effort to go green, they would like to move to a more electronic form of the packets for SB meetings. Currently, it costs \$3.00 to \$6.00 per packet to be mailed. Members would receive their packets electronically via pdf or word documents. A projection system could be set up in the SB Room to aid participants and use less paper. Mr. Ramey said he would prefer receiving his packet electronically. Ms. Miller, Ms. Ross and Mr. Morano agreed. The question was asked if people would have their own devices they could use or would they be requesting the district to provide devices? There was some concern expressed that people would be staring at their screens and dialogue would be lost. It was the consensus of the SB to move forward with paperless meetings. There will be a trial run at the next SB meeting.

d. Budget Priority Discussion: Dr. Blake stated that the budget calendar was approved at the last meeting. It is now time to start building the budget. Dr. Blake asked if SB members had any immediate concerns or issues in the community that need to be addressed? Mr. Morano said he was concerned about the decrease in buses for afterschool activities. He said that currently not all athletes are getting to their events on time. Ms. Miller asked that the SB go back and look at what was cut from last year's budget. Ms. Ross stated she likes the budget process very much. She'd like to see all requests from the Administrators, and then make cuts. She also reminded the SB that there is a contract coming up for vote in March. Ms. Bennett stated she liked the way requests were rated – really like, really need. Dr. Blake asked if there were any concerns in the community to be addressed in the interest of working together with the community. Ms. Miller informed the SB that Newton would be voting on a new fire engine this year.

e. CIP – Draft: Ms. Coppola reported that the Facilities Committee had met earlier and reviewed the draft CIP. She stated she would like to hear the SB members’ comments within the next few weeks. Ms. Coppola asked if the SB members had any questions?

New Business

a. Ice Hockey: Ms. Parady-Guay was delayed at the field hockey game. Dr. Blake reported that ice hockey has been a club sport at Sanborn which is 100% self funded. They play a JV schedule and are ready to move to a varsity schedule. They are seeking approval to play at the varsity level. The team would continue to be self-funding. It was asked if there were any financial concerns? It was reported that there were no issues working with this group. Ms. Coppola reported they were able to raise \$3,000.00 above their goal/needs. Ms. Coppola stated there were no financial issues. Ms. Ross asked if there would be two teams a JV and varsity? No – there will be one varsity team. Ms. Ross asked about an outlet for freshmen who want to play. It was reported that sometimes the district picks up costs associated with the hockey team, but the district is reimbursed. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the hockey team play at varsity level and continue to be self funded. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT Ms. Bennett reported she had received correspondence from the New Hampshire School Board Association concerning policies and resolutions, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

WRITTEN INFORMATION none

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Noyes stated he found the name of the Real Estate professional and would see Mr. Ramey after the meeting. Mr. Noyes stated he supports paperless meetings, but cautioned that the SB might want to move slowly and cautiously. He asked that the Chair see that the public have the same opportunity as SB members to go back and review documents. He asked that public rights are addressed in regards to 91a rules and regulations for public access to information. Mr. Noyes asked if the Draft CIP was a public document? He stated he feels that the organic growth of the tax base should be considered part of the CIP model. Ms. Gannon asked that all documents are made available in regards to going to paperless SB meetings. She thinks it’s a good idea. She requested that some paper copies be available at the meetings for the public. It is not always easy to ready the projection screen.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. LeBlanc reported on the Reach the Beach relay last weekend. He gave a “shout out” to the HS Boosters Club. The runners enjoyed being able to use the showers at the HS as well as the hospitality. “Fun event.” Dr. Blake reviewed the homecoming schedule and events. Spirit Week continues with Super Hero Day Wednesday; Athletic Day Thursday; and Class Theme Day

on Friday. There will be a pep rally at the end of the school day Friday. Varsity field hockey plays Friday at Chase Field at 4:00 PM, followed by JV at 5:15 PM. The parade begins Saturday at 8:00 AM down Main Street to Route 111 to the high school. From 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM there will be skits and dances in the HS gym. Boys' varsity soccer at noon; Girls varsity soccer at 2:00 PM; Varsity football at 3:00 PM all at the high school. The HS Band will be performing at the football game.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 7:00 PM**, Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 7:00 PM**, Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

At 8:08 PM Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

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