

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Nancy Ross in the School Board Room, 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
 Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative

EXCUSED: Carol Coppola, Business Manager

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools
 Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services

REVIEW AGENDA

Non-Public will follow the approval of the Minutes. Move Unfinished Business to follow Non-Public.

MINUTES

Mr. Doggett moved to approve the April 4, 2012 minutes, public and non-public, seconded by Ms. Bennett. The vote was 7-0-0 to approve after one correction on page 3 h. Resignations – Jason Baker should be the third individual approved for resignation.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #35 – \$970.88, Accounts Payable #36 - \$296,710.12 and Payroll #21 - \$731,179.92

NON PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:10 pm the Board entered into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Iib – personnel. They returned to public session at 7:32 pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Ice Hockey – Vicky Parady-Guay, Dena Bouzianis and Odette Buonopane took the floor to present a detailed proposal for Ice Hockey at the High School. Vicky distributed paperwork to support the proposal which included Points to Think About, District Policies and Procedures, Coaches, Accounting, Request of Waiver, and an Accounting Sheet. Vicky explained that a JV team would be established for the 2012-13 school year which would follow all school and state regulations, coaching positions would be posted and filled as any other athletic openings, and that all monies would be processed through the SAU office and follow district processing rules and regulations. Dena asked the Board to give the program one year to show that it could be successful. Mr. Doggett asked her if she and the players were prepared to forgo the season if the money could not be raised up front and added that he would not support pay-to-play. The Board went over the figures on the accounting sheet and asked questions for clarification. The adjusted total to raise for the program came to \$20,493.00. Ms. Ross stated that the Request for Waiver cannot be part of the proposal or approval. She added that the program must be fully funded up front and there could be

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued)

no pay-to-play. Ms. Guay replied that no player would be turned down if they could not come up with the cost per player amount but that some might be turned down if they didn't qualify to play. Ms. Gannon asked what would happen to the money raised if it did not reach the goal amount. She was told it would stay in student activity account and carry over. Mr. Doggett stated that the coaching positions could not be posted as volunteer positions.

Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the Ice Hockey program under all terms and conditions, that it could not be pay-to-play, and that all funds must be completely raised by October 1, 2012 or it could not take place and that the program would be given a one year trial. Ms. Hallisey seconded. Mr. Doggett asked if the goal was to eventually have the sport absorbed into the Sanborn sports program. Dena replied that she hoped it would be fully funded each year. Ms. Gannon commented that she could see how passionate and optimistic the presenters were about the program but wondered who would carry on once their children had graduated from Sanborn and what this might mean to players who might have to stop playing during their high school years if the program could not keep running. Dena reminded her that they were just asking for a one year trial to begin with but that she was confident that there would be equally passionate parents to keep the program going. Mr. Doggett also lauded their passion but reminded them that football had been cut from Sanborn sports many years ago due to lack of support and that volunteers don't stay around forever either. Ms. Ross added that she isn't concerned about the what ifs and potential disappointed players because this is just a one year trial. Ms. Hallisey stated that hockey parents and fans seem to be more supportive and passionate than for any other sport. Dena promised that they would have the stands full. The vote to approve the program as motioned was 6-1 (Bennett)-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. PE Program Review – Dr. Blake reported that he looked at the PE-Wellness-Health programs for the three school levels and gave his review to the Board. He offered his sources of information and went through his findings for each level. Ms. Ross asked if at the High School the students in the 9th and 11th grade Wellness programs get any physical activity. He replied that half of the program is physical activity/introduction to many sports and fitness offerings. He added that they don't partake of any physical activity or wellness programs in the 10th and 12th grades unless they are involved in after school sports because there are no PE electives. Ms. Ross asked Mr. Stack which electives would be offered if they were available again. He answered that it would depend on student interest; that they would poll students and look at what other schools are offering. He added that there are no electives because of staffing issues rather than scheduling issues. Vicky Parady-Guay told the Board the approximate number of students involved in the athletic programs at the High School (225-250 per season) and added that they have a before-school exercise program run by Karen Scanlon and Nancy Finney that is poorly attended but also offer after school weight training and conditioning which is pretty well attended and there are intramural programs as well. Mr. Doggett asked Dr. Blake what his recommendations were. He replied that PE electives are in good shape at the elementary and middle school levels and that his area of concern is the High School. Ms. Gannon asked if the district would consider credit given for participation in varsity sports. Ms. Hallisey offered the pros and cons of giving credits for sports; the pros being that it frees up teaching sections and the cons that wellness is not covered in varsity sports. Ellen Hume Howard commented that Wellness II needs to be retooled; to offer differentiated instruction versus a blanket curriculum. Dr. Blake asked student council rep Katherine Ulcickas what she thought of Wellness II. She replied that it seemed to be a repeat of Wellness I but with too much time in the gym; that they need more wellness instruction.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Ulcickas reported on Earth Week – that the Café served earth friendly foods all week, today was lights out day in classrooms, Friday will ask that people carpool and that students would be asked to take the “green pledge”. She added that art classes had been making earth murals using blue tape of the hall walls and that there would be a clothing drive to be donated to Wonderland.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Ms. Ross said she has been very pleased and impressed with the thoughtful, considerate and careful discussions in recent Board meetings, especial for items going to a vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston spoke to an article in the Eagle Tribune on the recent national award (Magna Award for Freshmen Learning Community) presented to the district. As for Ice Hockey, he commented that he was very pleased with tonight’s presentation following the less polished one from two meetings ago; that a lot of homework had been done since then. As for funding in the future for the program, he thought it was unfortunate that the Board would require it to continue to be fully funded instead of enfolded in the athletics program. He added that while it’s appropriate to ask parents to prove their case for taking on the program, he cautioned the Board about make a premature decision before seeing how it goes. He concluded by reporting that a nearby school district cancelled a school dance due to answers given by students on the Risk Survey. He felt it counterproductive to ask students to answer honestly and then suffer consequences for it.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Doggett spoke to the public speaker saying that the motion on the sports program was for one year because they can’t speak now for future Board’s decisions. He added that he felt that hockey parents are no more passionate than football or other sports’ parents and if the district had to eliminate funding for a sport (as football was in the past), passionate parents would have to fund them.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Last Day of School – Dr. Blake asked that the Board approve June 13 as the last day of school for students and June 14 and 15 to be professional development days for teachers. He said that although the district had two inclement weather days (the first day of school and Halloween), they still fell well above the number of hours required for the school year for attendance. He answered questions on what the teachers would be doing on their two days. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the June 13th day for students and June 14 and 15 days for professional development. Ms. Hallisey seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT

None

WRITTEN INFORMATION

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Facilities discussion

Committee reports TBA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston congratulated the district for the Magna Award. He commented on last month's 80+ outdoor temperatures and added that southern NH hasn't had this low measure of precipitation for the months of January-March since 1886. He expressed concern for record low river levels and how this might impact public drinking and wild life. He asked how the district would handle climate change in curriculum and deliberation. Mr. Noyes then spoke to the cost of higher education and the enormous debt load in student loans for NH and nationwide. He said this issue demands a considerable amount of thought and attention. He referred to the PE Administrative Report and thought the couple of comments from the Board where they "don't see it happening" as far as hiring more staff for PE electives was presumptive. Mr. Noyes ended with a quote from a recent Union Leader article about the unusual cluster of killings lately in NH – 15 violent deaths from guns this year.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, May 2, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. The next **Budget Committee** meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 19, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

None

At 9:12pm, Mr. Doggett motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Ms. Gannon followed by a 7-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Therese Sargeant
School Board Secretary

Minutes of school board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the school board