

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday March 5, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by School Board Chairperson Ms. Jan Bennett, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett, Chairperson
 Rebecca Hallisey, Vice Chairperson
 Jon LeBlanc
 Wendy Miller
 Dustin Ramey
 Nancy Ross
 Nathan Mailloux, Student Council Representative

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

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

At 7:02 PM a motion was made by Ms. Nancy Ross to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA91A:3IIC. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

At 8:12 PM, the public meeting resumed.

REVIEW AGENDA

Under **New Business d. Overnight Field Trip** moved to follow the Review of Agenda.

New Business, d. Overnight Field Trip: Ms. Michelle Wheeler made a presentation on the Key Club's participation at the Key Club District Convention in Springfield, MA, April 4 through 6, 2014. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the Key Club's overnight trip to the Key Club District Convention in Springfield, MA. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.

MINUTES

Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the January 22nd and February 6, 2014 minutes. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the February 17, 2014 Public Hearing minutes. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. Three in favor; three abstained.

Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the February 20, 2014 Public Hearing minutes. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. Three in favor; three abstained.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #22- \$887,358.40.
Payroll #18 - \$754,176.85

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Blake reported on the Senior Class Trip. A poll was taken by the senior class on where to go for the Senior Class Trip. 57% of the respondents preferred going to Maine. The contract with the travel agency was based on 100 students participating. The original deadline for students to submit their paperwork was February 21, 2014, along with their deposit. Not enough students signed up, and the students did not have the money required for the deposit. On February 24, 2014, the Senior Class Advisors met with the Class Council to discuss alternatives to the Maine trip. On Tuesday, February 25th, it was posted that the senior class trip to Maine was cancelled. Dr. Blake explained that the senior class trip is a responsibility of the students. It is a "class" issue, not a Board issue. Mr. Brian Stack, SRHS Principal, explained that the class could not pay the travel company and some of the options discussed were: **1)** A "light" Maine trip (would need 55 students to fill a bus, but if more than 55 students signed up, another bus would be needed, increasing the cost of the trip); **2)** Consider another overnight trip; or **3)** Some day trips at the end of the school year with the students deciding where they would like to go.

A discussion followed with the SB members and community members. Ms. Christine Pesto of Newton stated, "We set them up to fail." The students were never told that the trip could be cancelled. Ms. Pesto stated that this was the same class that did not have an 8th grade field trip. Tammy Gluck of Newton stated that there were 52 students signed up for the trip and they were never given the opportunity to pay more money to attend or to say "I don't want to go." She stated that the trip being cancelled was decided by six council members, not the students. It was noted that the council members are voted in by their classmates. Some of the parents were under the impression that the deadline for the deposits was extended until after vacation. One of the parents stated that the students went from "I think I have until March 3rd to get my deposit in" to the trip being cancelled. Dr. Blake suggested that the students have another survey to see what the students would like to do. This is not a class trip when only 52 students or 1/3 of the class attends the trip. Ethan, a senior student, asked why Mr. Stack couldn't step in and help. He stated that six students made the decision for the class to cancel the trip. Mr. Stack explained that this is a student run trip. Dr. Blake stated that he would be meeting with Mr. Stack, the class advisors and the class council Thursday, March 6th. At 9:10 PM, Ms. Bennett announced a short recess. At 9:25 PM the meeting continued.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Nathan reported that Student Council would be attending the Regional Student Council conference at Salem High School. Nathan reported that this is one of the bigger conferences. Nathan reported that the Winter Carnival was a success.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy Committee: Dr. Blake reported this would be discussed under New Business.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT None

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Bart Noyes stated he thought everyone conducted themselves very well concerning the discussion of the Senior Trip. He stated that all the parties were speaking to each other. Mr. Noyes stated he had an issue that a District employee was the Travel Agent planning the trip and stood to benefit from the business of this trip. Ms. Cheryl Gannon stated she agreed with the previous speaker. She stated a lot of time was spent discussing the trip, something which the SB has no say over.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT Ms. Wendy Miller stated that any parent concerns brought before the school board are not a waste of time. Ms. Miller also stated that tonight's SB meeting was Ms. Hallisey's last SB meeting. She thanked Ms. Hallisey and told her that her work was appreciated. "Don't forget to vote." Ms. Ross also reminded everyone to get out and vote. She thanked Ms. Hallisey for her time on the school board. Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Hallisey, "you're always welcome".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

14. New Business

a. Policies Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the Revised policies on the February 19th hand-out "14a". All policies will be dated March 5, 2014. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the Reaffirmed policies on the February 19th hand-out "14a". All policies will be dated March 5, 2014. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the New policies on the February 19th hand-out "14a". All policies will be dated March 5, 2014. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

b. Budget Dr. Blake stated he hoped the voters would approve the proposed budget and hopes the voters come out to vote. Ms. Ross stated she met with a group of parents. She said the parents had good questions, provided positive feedback and Ms. Ross commented on the "nice" network of parents. Ms. Miller reported that Mr. VanderEls was holding a coffee hour on Friday to discuss the budget with parents.

c. Fire Update Ms. Coppola reported on the fire at the high school. She stated that within a half hour of the fire, Service Master was on scene and devised a clean-up plan. There were crews of 50-60 people working over the weekend. She gave a shout-out to Kingston House of Pizza for opening on Sunday to feed the crews (they are normally closed on Sundays). Ms. Coppola reported that the reconstruction is near completion. Ms. Coppola met with a claims adjuster from Primex. The claim is for \$400,000.00 with a \$1,000.00 deductible.

Ms. Bennett thanked the SB for the bouquet of flowers she received following her recent surgery.

15e. Memorial School Project Ms. Coppola reported that the heat pumps and ERV units installed at Memorial School have been successful. She has seen a plummet in the cost to heat the school. The gymnasium and kitchen were not part of the original plan. Currently these areas are heated via the boilers. The heating system must pass along an extensive distance to reach the unheated spaces. In a memo dated February 13, 2014, Ms. Coppola proposes to install HVAC units (propane based) for the affected spaces not covered by the heat pumps and ERV units. The project also includes a solar air heating system to accompany the propane fueled HVAC units. The solar component includes a thermal rebate from the NH Public Utilities Commission. The total cost for the heating system is \$99,918 with a rebate of \$7,800 for a net cost of \$92,118. Ms. Ross made a motion to award the contract to Shift Energy for the project. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. Ross made a motion to award Provident Bank for 2.81% the 5 year municipal lease. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor

15f. Graduation Ms. Ross made a motion to set the high school graduation for June 13, 2014, with the stipulation that if there are any more snow days the date will be revisited. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT None

WRITTEN INFORMATION Enrollment report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noyes thanked Ms. Hallisey “from the public side of the room” for her service on the School Board. Mr. Noyes stated he didn’t really consider it a “class trip” when there wasn’t a lot of students attending. He suggested maybe it was time for a new descriptor of the trip – Senior Solidarity Trip where most of the class would participate. Ms. Gannon thanked Ms. Hallisey for her service on the School Board. It’s a “thankless job”. She thanked her for her diligence. Ms. Gannon stated she didn’t mean to minimize the voices of the parents at tonight’s meeting. She thought it was good that the parents expressed themselves. She stated that it was the student Council that makes the decision on the class trip.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Second (voting) Session of the Annual School District Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM** in the Swasey Gymnasium (Sanborn Seminary campus) for Kingston voters and in the Newton Town Hall for Newton voters.

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Public Relations Committee** will be held on Tuesday, **March 26, 2014, at 2:15 PM, at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Personnel Committee** will be held on Wednesday, **April 2, 2014, at 6:00 PM, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the **Policy Committee** will be held on **Wednesday April 9, 2014, at 6:00 PM, at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIa

Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session at 10:12 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

Minutes of the School Board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the School Board.