

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday April 1, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Jon LeBlanc, School Board Chair, in the cafeteria at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett
 Jon LeBlanc, Chair
 Corey Masson
 Roberto Miller
 Wendy Miller, Vice Chair
 Dustin Ramey
 Isabella Dunham, Student Council Representative

EXCUSED: Nancy Ross

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

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

Under Administrative Reports: **b. High School Internship Program – Student Presentation will present first, followed by a. Budget.**

MINUTES

Mr. Ramey made a motion to accept the March 18, 2015, public and non-public meeting minutes. Mr. Masson seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the March 18, 2015, public and non-public meeting minutes.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #22 -\$861.68; Accounts Payable #23 - \$941,141.69; Payroll #20 - \$877,693.90.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

b. High School Internship Program – Student Presentation: High School Teachers Kerry Alley Violette, Heidi Leavitt and Evan Czynowski, Internship Program Advisors, accompanied three student interns: Brian Lospennato, Automotive Intern; Lauren Fotino, Dental Hygiene Intern; and Victoria Davis, Classroom Teacher Intern. Ms. Leavitt gave a brief overview of the Intern Program. She stated “It takes a village to get someone prepared for their career.” The program is in its third year. Brian Lospennato performed his internship at Moulaison & Son Tire in Newton, working under George Moulaison. Some of Brian’s goals were: to learn about the machines and equipment; what a typical day in the shop would be like; and learn everyday maintenance on cars – brakes, rotors, oil changes. Brian said he learned the everyday tools and how they work; he understands “why you do things”; he gained a better understanding of the “people business”; and gained life skills. Lauren Fotino interned at Highland Dental. Some of Lauren’s goals were to learn the responsibilities of a dental hygienist ; she wanted to learn about the tools and the sanitation process; she wanted to learn about dental assisting. She said she was offered a summer job in Durham from her internship. Victoria Davis interned at the Ellis School in a third grade classroom. Victoria stated she has always had a “passion for kids”. Some of Victoria’s goals were to learn how to make a comfortable classroom; to learn how to prepare lesson plans; to learn how to react in different situations; and how to make projects or experiments go with a lesson. The students were asked how they handled fitting the Internship Program into their day. They said scheduling was a little tricky, but by planning ahead they were able to participate in the program. Mr. Masson thanked the students for their presentation. “Well spoken – amazing”

b. Budget: The SB will be going into a non-public session to discuss the budget and personnel. The Budget discussion will begin after the non-public session.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS none

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Isabella reported that Student Council is currently brainstorming ideas for Earth Week.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Mr. LeBlanc thanked the students and advisors for their presentation tonight. He stated it is exciting that students are able to gain exposure into different careers. He stated that most students don’t know what they want to do. He stated this was a huge win for everyone. Mr. LeBlanc stated it’s discouraging what’s being done in the NH legislation concerning funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Bennett reported that she volunteered at the Drama Festival held at the SRHS the past weekend. She stated the festival was beautifully done. She said they “fed and snacked” 375 kids. She commended the organization along with Evan Czyzowski and Tammy Gluck. She stated seeing the kids working collaboratively is commendable. Mr. Czyzowski runs the Drama Club.

Twelve schools performed one-act plays at the State Theatre Festival. This student-centered event allows high school drama clubs to share their work with one another and teaches student how to discuss theatre in a meaningful way. Ms. Czyzowski stated the Festival could not have happened with the parent volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS: a. Committee Assignments:

Personnel Committee: Wendy Miller; Nancy Ross, Chair

Policy Committee: Jon LeBlanc; Jan Bennett; Wendy Miller, Chair

Public Relations Committee: Wendy Miller; Corey Masson, Chair

Budget Committee: Nancy Ross

Facilities Committee: Dustin Ramey; Roberto Miller; Jan Bennett, Chair

SST: Corey Masson

Negotiations Committee: Jan Bennett; Jon LeBlanc, Chair

Finance Committee: Nancy Ross; Roberto Miller; Dustin Ramey, Chair

b. Professional Staff Resignations – discuss after non-public meeting

c. Professional Staff Nominations – discuss after non-public meeting

d. Tuition Rates: Ms. Coppola presented the SB with a memo dated April 1, 2015 with the estimated, actual and maximum tuition rates for the 2015-2016 school year. The rates were calculated per Policy JFAB. Ms. Coppola stated that the tuition rates are set in April based on per pupil costs. Ms. Bennett made a motion to accept the 2015-2016 Adopted Budget Calculated Rate as presented in the April 1, 2015, document. Mr. Masson seconded the motion. All in favor.

e. MS-22: Tabled

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT: Dr. Blake reported that SRSD received approval from the Department of Education that the last day of school for students will be June 18th. June 19th will be the last day of school for staff.

WRITTEN INFORMATION Dr. Blake received a flyer from the NHSBA offering 2015 School Board Orientation and Chair Workshops. Copies were distributed to the SB.

PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Tammy Gluck requested that no staffing positions be cut when the SB meets in non-public to discuss the budget. Mr. Allan Felisberto thanked Dr. Blake and the support staff at the high school for their help with the recent Drama Festival. Mr. Felisberto said he was impressed by the support of the custodians – always there to help. Mr. Felisberto asked the SB to try to keep the academic delivery to the extent that they could when meeting to discuss the budget. Ms. Cheryl Gannon commended the teachers and students on their presentation of the internship program. She stated it was a wonderful program. Ms. Gannon stated she attended the Newton-Kingston Taxpayers public forum. Ms. Gannon stated it's important that the public hears how education is funded. She stated there is a lot of "misunderstanding out there". Evan Czynowski, SREA President, asked the SB members that every effort be made to preserve staff positions.

Ms. Renee King, former SB member, said she watched a recent taping of the SB meeting where the question came up on why she resigned from the SB. She said there's also been rumors in the community about her resignation. Ms. King stated that it was clear to her within the first few months of being a Board member that it wasn't right for her. She stated her biggest reason for resigning was she "doesn't like politics". She stated she likes being friendly with everyone. She stated there was a rumor out there that she left because she "couldn't get her way" – not true she stated. Ms. King stated there are a lot of good people on the Board. Ms. King offered some suggestions for the SB members: 1) Ask tough questions. 2) Some people feel that Dr. Blake "walks on water". She said it's ok to ask questions. 3) Never should a Board member tell another member that they voted wrong. 4) She commended the Board on a good job with communication. 5) Ms. King stated that all correspondence should be answered. She stated she understands that Dr. Blake receives many emails – they should be answered – even if he has a staff member that could respond. "Communication is the key."

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Miller thanked Ms. King for her comments and her honesty. Mr. LeBlanc thanked the public for coming out to tonight's meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 Ila Personnel and Budget

Ms. Bennett motioned to enter into non-public session at 8:10 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

At 10:06 PM, Mr. LeBlanc motioned the public meeting to order. Mr. Masson seconded the motion.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to reduce the budget by \$586,260.00 with reductions in technology, text books, utilities and staff positions. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

c. Professional Staff Nominations Mr. Masson made a motion to accept the District Wide Professional Staff nominations presented in a document dated April 1, 2015. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Professional Staff Nominations Mr. Masson made a motion to accept the DJ Bakie School Professional Staff nominations presented in a document dated April 1, 2015. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Professional Staff Nominations Mr. Masson made a motion to accept the Memorial School Professional Staff nominations presented in a document dated April 1, 2015. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Professional Staff Nominations Mr. Masson made a motion to accept the Middle School Professional Staff nominations presented in a document dated April 1, 2015. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Professional Staff Nominations Mr. Masson made a motion to accept the High School Professional Staff nominations presented in a document dated April 1, 2015. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in the Auditorium at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in the Library at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19 PM, Mr. Ramey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. 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.