

Sunapee School District

SMHS Media Center

January 9, 2013

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Kim Denney, Vice Chair
Mike Ripley
Paul Skarin
Brian Garland - Absent
Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Kelly Wessells, Financial Services Manager
Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Jon Reed, Technology Integrator
John Augustine, BAC
Shane Hastings, BAC
Spec Bowers, BAC
Ken Meyers, BAC – Absent
Wayne Palmer, Facilities Director
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

Kim Denney led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shaun Carroll led the moment of silence.

Minutes:

Kim Denney moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2012 school board meeting.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the budget session minutes of December 15, 2012.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The 5th grade band and chorus held their winter concert; it was well attended.
- Winter program starts January 10, 2013.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- The annual Geography Bee was held and they had a repeat champion who will now be competing in the regionals.
- College acceptance letters are starting to come in and are being posted.
- Mid-terms are being held this week.

Superintendent Report:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following report:

- The Annual Report Cover will be a vintage photo of the rostrum and a modern photo of the renovation done. There might be a possible dedication to former board members. The SAU is working with the town on a complete list of names.
- Dr. Halpin came to the Board last year with a presentation on fun weekend activities in the area for students and would like to come again to present.
- Teri Jilson of the Sunapee Library Committee would also like to come to present to the Board like she did last year on the new library.
- Brendan met with Neil Cobb, Harold Sargent, Jodi Bergen and Sean Moynihan to talk about safety plans at the schools. There are security cameras at SMHS, but not SCES. They are going to install cameras at SCES and add more to SMHS while also tying them into the police department. All town departments use the same security company, so the district is going to as well.

District Report Card:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following presentation to the Board:

- There are different aspects of student participation – The number of student who participates and the variety of activities participated in.
- He would also like the Board to decide on whether to include post-high school plans.

Shaun Carroll asked that they table this discussion tonight so the Board members can discuss; asked for it to be on next meeting's agenda.

Brendan Minnihan said that he had found a company that creates post-grad surveys; will use them to get more data.

Project Updates:

Kelly Wessell gave the following report to the Board:

The studies have been completed on the drainage ditch by the athletic field including a hydraulic one. The permit needs to be submitted by the end of the month. The approval for the permit takes 75 days. The approval should come by May. Once the approval comes in, then the Board will need to approve one of three contractors.

Some of the fire and safety work at SCES has been completed, but they are still waiting on a shipment of parts, it is currently three weeks late, but once they come in the entire project should be complete; hoping to complete the work over February vacation.

Warrant Articles:

The Board decided to go with article 8 and discard article 9.

John Augustine stated that the town's budget will increase the tax rate by .35 cents and the school will increase the rate another .37 cents with all of their articles put together.

Paul Skarin, Mike Ripley and Kim Denney voiced their opinion that they want to keep all articles as written.

Shaun Carroll stated that they could not vote on the art room, but could start a fund asking for \$50,000.

Mike Trojano stated that there is a lot of work needed to be done at SMHS including upgrading the science labs, removing asbestos from the rest of the classrooms and renovating the locker rooms. He stated that if they lump it all together they are looking at a \$1,000,000 bond.

The Board stated they would rather try putting all the articles in this time.

Donation:

Brendan Minnihan stated the district had received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used on tablet computers, which purchases about ten tablets. He still needs to figure out a plan of action as in which tablets to buy.

Kim Denney moved to approve the acceptance of the \$5,000 donation for tablets.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2013-15 – \$141,753.83
- 2013-16 - \$99,147.65

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2013-12 - \$189,303.64
- 2013-13 - \$404,854.01
- 2013-14 - \$183,353.01

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for February 6, 2013:

- District Report Card
- Communication
- Presentation by T. Jilson
- Presentation by Dr. Halpin
- Project Updates
- Deliberative Discussion
- Good News
- Manifest

The Board discussed and decided on one presenter for the Deliberative Session; Shaun Carroll.

Adjourn:

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate O'Connor".

Kate O'Connor

Sunapee School Board Secretary