

Sunapee School District

SMHS Media Center

February 6, 2013

Call to Order:

Kim Denney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair - Absent

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

Ray Palin, Media Coordinator

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

Mike Ripley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kim Denney led the moment of silence.

Minutes:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 school board meeting.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Kate will add that Kim Denney abstained from the approval of the minutes as she didn't attend.

Vote unanimous.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the budget hearing minutes of January 9, 2013.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Kate will change George Hurt to George Curt.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

John Augustine said he was saddened to see that a student didn't sing the National Anthem at the Deliberative Session. He feels the School Board needs to have more student involvement at every meeting. He suggested honoring the Student of the Month and at each monthly meeting.

The Board stated that they will discuss.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- A spelling bee for the fourth and fifth grade was held; 41 students took part. Abby Hanson won with the word *orphan*. Karissa Pierce was the runner up.
- Beginning in March & April the SCES pilot after school program, Imagination Discovery, will start. 70 students have signed up for different clubs including, LEGO club, cooking, Introduction to Spanish, Introduction to French and inventions. The students will meet every Tuesday for 1.5hrs for six weeks.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- The middle school held their spelling bee. 7th grader, Will Palin, won with the word *cauterize*.
- Many are participating in Winter Wild activity program.
- The spring play this year will be *Oklahoma!* There have been many signups.
- Tomorrow the Montreal field trips leaves.
- The first meeting on field usage has been scheduled.

Superintendent Report:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following report:

- The police department is installing security cameras at SCES and additional cameras at SMHS. He will be bringing quotes to the Board in regards to the cost of the installation and cameras. The police department has a grant to defray costs.
- There is a marathon relay race being held for the Sandy Hook students in Connecticut. There are three teams going including teachers and staff. They are donating supplies for students at Sandy Hook.

Dr. Halpin's Presentation:

Dr. Patricia Halpin comes every year to SCES, the first week of November, to present PHUN Week – Physiology Understanding. The program was started in 2005. She makes three visits. The students learn about their bodies' physiological function.

Day 1 –

- Physiology described
- Cardiovascular function and health overview
- Blood pressure concept
- Scientific method reviewed
- Resting heart rate, breathing rate and blood pressure taken
- Hypothesis designed.

Day 2 –

- Students run for 5 minutes in a loop and their partner measures and collects their information

Day 3 –

- Analyze data with the fourth grade
- Draw conclusions
- Compute lab reports and pass them in for a grade.

Sunapee Library Project:

Terri Jillson and Mary Danko, new Director of the library, gave the following report to the Board:

- They have met with the teacher's association and will be meeting with the schools as well to talk about the proposed new library.
- The land for the library has been purchased.
- The schematics have been tweaked as they have changed how the outside of the building to be nearer to route 11.
- There is no basement; it is all on one floor.
- \$2.7 million is the total cost. \$300,000 of that was for the purchase of the land. \$2.4 million is still needed. \$300,000 has been pledged contingent to the bond article passing. They will attain a \$975,000 loan with \$900,000 still needing to be raised.
- Last year the new library was voted down by only 4 votes.

Project Updates:

Kelly Wessell gave the following report to the Board:

CLD has the application 75% complete for the new culvert. The SCES fire and safety project should be completed over February vacation. Four door locks will be installed, but we are still waiting on 8 more which have been backordered for months.

Deliberative Session:

John Augustine asked about the bus handout given out at the deliberative session. In the last column it grades the bus conditions from 1-10. He wondered why the district is replacing a bus that is considered a 6.

Brendan Minnihan explained that a 6 is not good. The bus in question has seriously rusted seats. The number is found by combining the body of the bus plus how many miles it has on it.

Mike Trojano stated that it is a safety issue to keep busses with body issues. When the district is done with a bus they sell them, mainly to private companies who sell them overseas. It costs around \$90,000 for a new bus, but a used one only goes for about \$10,000 which is all the district makes back in profit. Most of the busses have between 80,000-100,000 miles on them when sold.

1st Reading – GBEB – Staff Dress Code:

A situation arose in the last month which made the SAU and Sean Moynihan feel the need to develop a policy. The principal will be the enforcer of this policy. The Board will review and vote at the next meeting.

Red Parka Race:

Sean Moynihan asked the Board to approve the following field trip:

This is for the middle school ski team and their year end meet. It is held in North Conway and the students stay at the Red Jacket. Most students stay overnight and all are transported by their parents. No school busses are used for transportation.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the weekend middle school ski trip to North Conway.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Manifest:

Mike Ripley moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2013-17 – \$50,303.33
- 2013-18 - \$128,065.14

Mike Ripley moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2013-12 - \$399,004.33

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for March 6, 2013:

- District Report Card
- Communication
- 2nd Reading of GBEB – Staff Dress Code
- Student of the Month
- Project Updates
- Graduation Date Proposal
- Good News
- Manifest

Adjourn:

Mike Ripley moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kate O'Connor

Sunapee School Board Secretary