

# Sunapee School Board Meeting

## SMHS Music Room

February 10, 2016

### Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the School Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland - Absent

Jan Bettencourt

Matt McNally

### Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent – Absent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Terra Geer, Director of Student Services

Ray Palin, Media Specialist

Rachel Malanga, Student Representative - Absent

### Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Matt McNally and a moment of silence by Shaun Carroll.

### Minutes:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the public minutes of the public hearing and School Board meeting of January 13, 2016.

Jan Bettencourt seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the non-public minutes of January 13, 2016.

Matt McNally seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

### Agenda Review:

No "Superintendent Report" tonight.

### Public Forum:

**Shaun Carroll** asked teacher, Sharon Parsons, to give an update on long-term SMHS teacher, Ron Beaudet, who suffered a heart attack a few weeks earlier. She stated Mr. Beaudet is being moved to Concord for rehabilitation, but has made many gains over the last few weeks.

**Jan Bettencourt** expressed her opinion on certain issues within the District. She stated she is happy to see more public in attendance at meetings and wants the meetings to focus on students and teachers.

**Alden Clough**, Sunapee resident, clarified that the bullying report completed by Dr. Malcom Smith will be publicized on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Superintendent's Forum. The Board Chair responded that it would be discussed.

**Pam Colonaro**, Lower Main St., Sunapee, she asked that when the principals gave their "Good News" reports that they give an update on bullying issues after Dr. Malcolm Smith's guidance.

### Technology Integration Presentation (Jon Reed):

Jon Reed presented on the following technology integrations that are being used within the District:

- Kindle – Voiceover
- Bookshare – Voicestream (explained how students can change the voice they are listening to).
- Dictation on iPad through Google Docs
- Google Classroom
- YouTube – Restricting access
- Extensions
  - Read Now – Only give the article you want to read
  - Boom – Deletes what you don't want to read
  - Explained several other extensions in use
- BioDigital Human – Students can create their own human

### Student Representative Report:

Rachel Malanga could not attend due to another engagement.

### SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The first grade combined the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and Valentine's Day with community service work; they made 46 Valentine's boxes for senior citizens.
- SCES has taken the feedback Dr. Malcom Smith gave them and formed a bullying committee, which is comprised of a teacher, paraeducator, guidance counselor, unified arts teacher and occupational therapist. They are being called the Conflict Resolution Team. There has been one reported incident since the establishment of the team, but it was found to be not bullying.
- Plymouth State University is coming to put on the Tiger Bullying performance on March 19<sup>th</sup>. She advertised it on the website. They have come before a couple of years ago.
- After school clubs will be back after February break, including gardening, Spanish and yoga.
- The spelling bee was held and had a repeat winner.

### SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- Cody Cabral will be recognized for helping Ron Beaudet the day he had his heart attack as he was with him when it occurred.
- The middle school held their geography and spelling bees.
- After meeting with Dr. Malcolm Smith SMHS also created a committee to focus on bullying. There are five committee members: a nurse, a middle school teacher, a high school teacher, a guidance counselor and an administrator. They are also in the process of working on bullying curriculum training.
- Winter Carnival will be February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A mock election was held yesterday; students voted 89 as Democrats and 118 as Republicans. Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump won.
- Ten students received college credits for finishing Running Start.

### Special Education Report:

Terra Geer gave the following report to the Board:

- Three administrators attended LEA training in January, which was a great refresher. She plans on doing refreshers with staff.
- A teacher of the deaf came to speak with special education faculty today.

#### Approval of Strategic Planning Proposal:

Matt McNally moved to discuss the NESDEC Strategic Planning Proposal as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

The Board members discussed advertising for more quotes other than NESDEC. Discussed timing of hiring a consulting firm and decided to table approval until new members can be a part of the discussion. This will still be on the March 2, 2016 agenda, but will probably be tabled again until after the vote in March.

Paul Skarin moved to table the approval of the Strategic Planning Proposal until the next meeting.

Matt McNally seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Approval of Baseball/Softball Extended Field Trip to Cape Cod:

Sean Moynihan explained that this is an annual event that lets the kids scrimmage outside instead of in the gymnasium. The dates for the trip are April 1-3, 2016.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the baseball/softball extended field trip to Cape Cod as presented.

Matt McNally seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Deliberative Session:

The Board discussed Deliberative Session and how unfortunate it was the PowerPoint on the teacher's contract wasn't working properly.

The Board noted that on February 17<sup>th</sup> Superintendent Holden is holding a forum at 6:30 p.m. at the Abbott Library and that on February 18<sup>th</sup> Abbott Library is also holding Teacher's Night. Parents will be able to come and see what teachers are teaching in their classroom and ask questions about their expertise. There are 12 teachers in all. An advertisement for Teacher's Night was also placed in the Kearsarge Shopper.

Principal Jodi Bergen stated flyers advertising for both events were sent home in elementary folders. The library has also been promoting the events. She will put the Superintendent event in the newsletter going out and on the school sign.

Board Chair Carroll asked administration to make sure they are also on the website and Principal Sean Moynihan said it will also be advertised via Twitter.

Manifest:

Paul Skarin moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2016-14 - \$37,583.97
- 2016-15 - \$50,134.49
- 2016-16 - \$81,539.90

Paul Skarin moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2016-13 - \$215,016.01
- 2016-14 - \$210,598.01
- 2016-15 - \$494,758.90
- 2016-16 - \$390,683.52

Jan Bettencourt seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

**Jon Reed**, Sunapee faculty, noted that this Saturday “10,000 Pics Now What” was being held at the Abbott Library. The Service Club is working with technology to help put on community events, like this one, which helps people sort through all their digital images.

He also said that on February 8<sup>th</sup> the fifth graders visited Hypertherm for a field trip and that February 19<sup>th</sup> is “Career Day” at SMHS. There will be three conference style sessions with business leaders from the community and at the end of the day a talent show will be held. This is separate from Winter Carnival.

**Alden Clough** thanked the Board for making sure information is on regular signs and not just over technology.

**John Augustine**, Stagecoach Rd. Sunapee, asked if the candidates running for the three open School Board seats would be at Candidate Night.

**School Board Chair Carroll** replied that he wasn’t sure, but they would be talking at the Senior Center on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 p.m. and at the Methodist Church on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., which would have both the school and town candidates.

**Jody Manson**, Young Hill Rd., Sunapee, expressed her disappointment that senior, Kevin O'Brien, who put on a fundraiser for Camp Interactions as part of his senior project, wasn't noted in SMHS Good News.

**Principal Sean Moynihan** replied that if he notes one senior project then he should do all of them and likes to wait until the end of the year to recognize them as a group.

**Jolyon Johnson**, Sunapee resident, thanked Jan Bettencourt for her opinions earlier in the evening, but agreed that the Board meeting was not the proper forum. He then addressed his disappointment with what seems to him the repression of public discussion.

Agenda for March 2, 2016:

- Good News
- Manifest
- Strategic Plan
- Department of Labor Inspection – Approval of updated Safety Plan
- Dr. Malcolm Smith report – questions and answers

Non-Public Session:

The Board went into non-public session at 8:09 p.m. **Please see non-public minutes.**

Paul Skarin moved to accept the resignation of Janice Porter as presented.

Matt McNally seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Matt McNally seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kate O'Connor

School Board Secretary