

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Media Center

March 5, 2014

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair

Kim Denney, Vice Chair

Mike Ripley – Arrived 8:17PM

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland - Absent

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Ray Palin, Media Coordinator

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SCES student, Julia Koumrian and a moment of silence by Shaun Carroll.

Minutes:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the Budget Hearing minutes of January 15, 2014.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Paul Skarin moved to approve the School Board meeting minutes of January 15, 2014.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Public Forum:

None

Destination Imagination Presentation:

Jodi Bergen explained that SCES has three teams:

- Grades 3-5 who are completing a structural challenge
- Grades 3-5, who are here tonight, and are completing a community service/outreach challenge.
- Grades k-2, who are here tonight; this is a non-competitive team.
- Both teams that are presenting tonight will be attending the regional tournament in Swanzey, NH, one on March 15th and the other on March 8th. K-2 will be at 11:40AM and grades 3-5 will be at 2:40PM.

The k-2 team called Rising Stars presented their work to the Board. They chose the theme "Winter Circus" and worked on balance, shapes and animal acrobats.

The 3-5 team called the Sunapee Super Seven Dwarfs asked local leaders for the most pressing need in the area and found it to be hunger. They are collecting food for the Newport Food Pantry to be given out to local families to take home on the weekends. They handed out bags to the Board Members.

The Board thanked both groups for the presentation.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- NECAP scores are out and grades 3-5 did quite well; this was the last year for NECAPS.
 - 84% proficient in reading
 - 85% proficient in mathematics
 - 72% proficient in writing
- The Smarter Balance field test will be given to grades 4 and 5 in reading and math. They are going to try it on different platforms. The test is a lot of critical thinking and will require a lot of stamina from the students.
- 90 students have signed up for the afterschool clubs.
- March 25th the fifth graders are putting on a talent show.
- 5th grader Carissa Peirce competed in the regional spelling bee.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- He is in the middle of the hiring process for a social studies teacher and a middle school guidance counselor.
- Winter sports are coming to an end. The girls' basketball team championship is this weekend and the boys' basketball team quarterfinals is this Friday.
- NECAP scores were extremely good. The high school scores are the highest in the State.
 - 94% 6th grade proficient in reading
 - 84% 7th grade proficient in reading
 - 96% 8th grade proficient in reading
 - 97% 11th grade proficient in reading
 - 93% 8th grade proficient in mathematics
 - 47% 11th grade proficient in mathematics

Superintendent Report:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following report:

- He noted that Sunapee was never identified as a SINI school for either SCES or SMHS. The Smarter Balance test will be more individualized.
- Jodi Bergen and Sean Moynihan will be going back to Croydon to discuss tuition students. Croydon students go k-4 and then parents have school choice.
- He received 35-40 applications for the assistant principal position and 60-70 applications for the social studies position.
- The AVA Gallery in Lebanon, NH is showing student artwork from February 21st – March 14th.

Building & Ground Updates:

- CIP Walkabout –
 - The CIP committee agreed to meet on April 2nd at 6PM before the School Board meeting; they will look at the inside only.
 - Biron's flooring replaced the tile at SMHS. They are coming back in April to finish.
 - Insulation was installed by the gym ventilation system.
 - There is a company coming in to look at the ventilation system for the locker rooms. They will be getting quotes.

- He is talking with a company about solar energy and meter grouping. Sunapee would get the electric for free and anything over the usage the company would sell for you. There are no upfront costs.
- Connector Road Project – Shaun Carroll, Wayne Palmer and Russell Holden met with Chief Cahill, the road agent, fire chief, planning board members and town officials to discuss the connector road. Everyone agreed that the road is needed, but disliked it coming out on the side of the Emergency Management Building. It was decided the road should come out by the Smoky the Bear sign. They will help the school district sell the idea to the Town Selectmen and also help reroute the water. A one-way or two-way road needs to be discussed.

Kim Denney moved to approve going forward with the connector road plan as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Policy Review:

Kim Denney moved to approve D policies under second reading, E policies under first reading, review of E policies and E policies rescinded.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Kim Denney moved to approve the first reading of policy KCD – Public Gifts and Naming to the Schools as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

SMHS Baseball/Softball Annual field trip to Cape Cod:

Kim Denney moved to approve the annual baseball/softball field trip to Cape Cod as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Nomination of SMHS Assistant Principal:

5 people were interviewed and Meagan Reed was chosen as the .5 SMHS Assistant Principal. She will also be teaching 9th grade World Civilizations and 8th grade English.

Kim Denney moved to approve Meagan Reed as the .5 SMHS Assistant Principal.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Annual School Meeting:

Russell Holden stated that it was a quick process and there were no hot topics that came up.

SPIRAL International Exchange Update:

Russell Holden has decided to hold off the exchange for this summer. He needs to get more assistance facilitating the process. He has a handful of families that have committed to hosting including the Dexter Inn.

Superintendent's Evaluation:

This will be discussed in non-public.

Town Library:

Russell Holden viewed the old town library and is very interested in it for programming. Unfortunately, it is currently tied up in litigation for at least a year. He is still looking for other options. He will put in a letter to the Town Selectmen saying the District is interested in the building once it is out of litigation.

Manifests:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifests:

- 2014-14 - \$79,870.27
- 2014-15 - \$54,564.75
- 2014-16 - \$121,250.68
- 2014-17 - \$34,411.22

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifests:

- 2014-15 - \$191,149.47
- 2014-16 - \$212,100.29
- 2014-17 - \$459,382.70

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Russell Holden stated that he has gotten one request to accept a kindergarten student early, but he has kept with policy and denied the request.

Public Forum:

John Augustine told the Board that he is on the ballot for the Board of Selectmen. He stated that if he is elected he will promote better dialogue between the town and the Board. He is in favor of the road.

Agenda for April 2, 2014:

- Policies – 2nd Reading
- Project Updates
- Good News
- Manifest
- Reorganization

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kate O'Connor
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