

Sunapee School District

SMHS Media Center

April 10, 2013

Call to Order:

Kim Denney called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair – Absent

Kim Denney, Vice Chair

Mike Ripley

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Financial Services Manager

Mike Trojano, Business Administrator

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Ray Palin, Media Coordinator

Kate O'Connor, Board Secretary

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

Kelly Wessells led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kim Denney led the moment of silence.

Minutes:

Mike Ripley moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2013 school board meeting.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Mike Ripley moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 school board meeting.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

3-yay, 0-nay, Brian Garland abstained.

Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The last group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended the First Place in Manchester in science and technology.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, Shelley Morris, is back from maternity leave.
- Destination Imagination team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 groups in the State Tournament.
- Summer camp is being offered to the entire population.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- The spring play, "Oklahoma!", was well attended.
- Professional development on Common Core writing and reading was attended by almost all staff.
- Spring sports have started.
- Three teachers attended a technology conference and brought back three Chrome books. The battery life on the books is phenomenal.
- Student of the Month -
  - Month of April – Mary Cox, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, is a strong writer and artist. She designed the yearbook cover this year.
- NHIAA has introduced bass fishing as a new sport. An informational meeting is coming up and Sunapee will attend. Many students are interested. A boat will be needed to participate. The first tournament will be held next month in Moultonborough.

Superintendent Report:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following report:

- Received an email from Ray Palin that he has been one of twelve members selected to be on a software team at a one week long institute at George Mason University. It is a grant funded institute. All other members on team are from universities or institutions, while Ray is the only public school member. The team will research software for K-12 schools.

Harvard Model Congress:

Marcia Spencer gave the following report to the board:

- Harvard Model Congress is a simulation for students to play roles in the government, such as, the House and Senate, lobbyists, special agencies and media outlets.
- Sunapee is the only school district in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to attend.
- There was \$7500 in scholarships given out by Harvard Model Congress and 1500 students attending. 20% of the scholarships went to Sunapee students.
- Emily Whittier was selected to give a speech at the scholarship awards ceremony.

#### Fundraiser – Golf Tournament:

Michael Kennedy gave the following presentation to the Board:

- The tournament is to raise money for both the Sunapee and Newport school district athletic departments.
- The Newport golf course has said it will close the course for the tournament and only charge \$45pp which includes 18 holes, a light lunch and a cart. The tournament would charge \$75pp.
- There will be a 36 team limit. Teams will get sponsors through businesses.
- The students would work on the green the next morning for cleanup.
- Businesses are being asked to donate for a raffle.
- He is working with athletic director, Doug Beaupre, in Newport to divide the teams in an even 50/50 split.
- The money would be divided evenly between Newport and Sunapee and then evenly between the teams at each school. If a team doesn't use their funds they still get to keep it.

Mike Riply moved to approve the golf tournament as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Project Updates:

Kelly Wessell said the Wetlands Bureau received the application for the culvert; they have 75 days to approve. CLD is in the bid process right now.

Mike Trojano said that the second egress from the boiler room at SCES cannot be done during April vacation. John LaPlante has been hired and is working on it and the door when school is out during the summer.

Tile replacement will be done at SMHS. All the corridors at SMHS need to be redone to improve the surface as currently they are very hard to clean. When the floor was originally laid

down, it was done in a way that we now know is incorrect. It was done too long ago for us to find who the original installers were at the time. Biron's flooring tried to fix the situation by spraying the floor with a substance, but it didn't work.

Dave Laurien is getting quotes, by May or June, to have the tile popped off, bead blast the concrete, pour a substance on top of the concrete and then put tile back down. There is 8,000 square feet to be done. \$30,000 is reserved for the removal and purchase of new tile. The work will be done this summer. Biron's is going to help with some of the cost.

Teacher Bargaining Agreement:

Both the Board and Teacher's Association signed.

SCES Renominations:

This is the renominations of existing staff.

Mike Ripley moved to approve the SCES renominations as presented for the 2013-2014 school year.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

SMHS Renominations & Non-Renewals:

This is the renominations of existing staff and those that are not returning next year.

Brian Garland moved to approve the SMHS renominations and non-renewals as presented for the 2013-2014 school year.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

New School Bus:

Mike Trojano stated the budget for a new school bus is \$90,000. WC Cressey and Son have one to purchase for \$84,412.00. There is very little trade-in value. There is a better value on the small busses than the large ones. The busses last for 7-8 years.

Mike Ripley moved to approve the purchase of a new school bus in the amount of \$84,412.00 from WC Cressey and Son.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

SCES Overnight Lock-In:

Jodi Bergen explained that they are holding a lock-in for fifth grade students the Friday night before school ends. Activities are planned and pizza and breakfast will be provided for students.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the SCES Overnight Lock-In as presented.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Nomination:

Brendan Minnihan brought forth Amanda Benware as the new SMHS mathematics teacher. There were a total of 20 applicants. She comes from Bedford High School and has four years experience. She will be teaching Statistics and Probability, two Algebra 1 courses, Algebra 2 and Algebra 2 Honors.

Paul Skarin moved to approve Amanda Benware as the new SMHS mathematics teacher.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Resignations:

Brendan Minnihan officially handed in his resignation as the Superintendent of Schools.

Paul Skarin moved to accept the Superintendent's resignation with regrets.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### District Report Card:

Brendan said he will have a rough draft of the District Report Card for Board review for the next meeting. He would like the Board to review and then come back to him with changes. It will be put on the next agenda.

#### Manifest:

Brian Garland moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2013-21 – \$90,470.97
- 2013-22 - \$103,341.67

Brian Garland moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2013-18.1 - \$454.52
- 2013-19 - \$200,596.61
- 2013-20 - \$442,812.15

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for May 1, 2013:

- District Report Card
- Communication
- Special Education Assurances
- Destination Imagination Project
- Superintendent Search Committee Update
- Student of the Month
- Project Updates
- Good News
- Manifest

Non-public session:

Brian Garland moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II b at 7:53 p.m.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Roll Call: Kim Denney, Brian Garland, Mike Ripley and Paul Skarin.

Discuss a personnel issue

Brian Garland moved to come out of non-public session at 8:05 p.m.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Brian Garland moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Respectfully submitted by,



Kate O'Connor

Sunapee School Board Secretary