

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Music Room

May 4, 2016

Call to Order:

School Board Chair Carroll called the School Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll
Paul Skarin
Brian Garland
Heather Furlong
April Royce

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent
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

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Meagan Reed and a moment of silence was led by Board Chair Carroll.

Minutes:

April Royce moved to approve the public minutes of the School Board meeting of April 6, 2016 as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Paul Skarin moved to approve the non-public minutes of April 6, 2016.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Agenda Review:

Add "I – Gym Floor" under action items.

Public Forum:

None

Athletes Overview – Tom Frederick:

Tom Frederick gave the following presentation:

- There were 11 fall, 11 winter, and 8 spring JV/Varsity/middle school teams this year.
- Out of 136 high school students, 102 participated in sports, which is 75% of students.
- Out of 109 middle school students, 76 participated in sports, which is 70% of students.
- Sunapee won two State Championships in girls' basketball and volleyball.
- Numerous individual skiing State Championships.
- Runner-up for girls alpine skiing.
- The Nordic Ski Program was resurrected this year at the high school with 10 students participating.
- Last year the athletic department reviewed and revised the athletic handbook, and there were no major issues this year.
- There is a lack of outdoor space for fall and spring athletics. He recommends that at least one practice field be created; he noted the space behind the SAU building.
- There are issues with the lighting on the lower field. He is currently trying to figure out a solution, but the lighting is inadequate.
- New this year, the school has begun fertilization, aeration, and seeding of the fields, which has been great. Water is now available on the fields as well which is an improvement.
- The sheds are awesome and the public really enjoys the snack shack.
- Coaching positions at the varsity level are great, but he has a little difficulty filling the middle school and JV coaching positions.
- Next year SMHS plans on utilizing the program *Life of an Athlete* more. It is a great leadership program.
- This spring SMHS is participating in Operation Hat Trick which helps veterans. Two percent of the proceeds from the sale of camouflage baseball caps with logos on them go to veterans. Veterans will be throwing out the first pitches for baseball and softball games over the next few weeks. They will receive hats for doing so.
- There are currently over 25 athletes on varsity track and field.

- The varsity softball team is currently undefeated and the varsity baseball team is 6-1.
- The school began concussion testing two years ago. Next year will be time to retest those from the original testing. The school pays for the initial testing and for any testing during the school year for a student if a concussion is suspected.
- There is a Spirit Program at SMHS, but due to many new members and a new coach, the administration thought it best they wait until next year to compete.
- There are two seniors that have been three sport athletes all four years of high school. There are another 8-10 students who are three sport athletes this year; many are freshman and juniors.
- There are 5-7 students who play on both the middle and JV athletic teams.
- There have been low numbers in participation for JV girls' basketball and JV boys' basketball.
- Per the athletic handbook, a student must pass all but one class to participate on a team. If they fail two classes then they get academic assistance for three weeks until they bring their grade up and are allowed to play again. They are usually allowed to practice with the team. If it happens again, they receive academic assistance again, and are checked weekly. If a student fails three courses they are not allowed to play a sport per NHIAA guidelines.

April Royce noted that four varsity softball players are working with third and fourth grade softball players and have been a tremendous help.

The Board and Tom Frederick discussed enrollment on teams and transportation to away games and meets.

Student Representative Report:

None – Unable to attend.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- Chess Club went to the State Tournament last month. The third grade placed second and the fourth/fifth grade team placed first. There is currently a waiting list to get into Chess Club.
- The talent show was held last month. The whole school comes to watch; this is especially fun for the younger students.
- Next week is the Scholastic Book Fair; May 12th is family shopping, plus there will be an art show and the PTO will be holding an ice cream social.

- May 14th is the fifth grade yard sale.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- All seniors completed their senior projects; Senior Project Night was very successful.
- Destination Imagination will be going to the Global Championships in a couple weeks.
- The Spain and France trips had a great time and returned safely.
- This month brings a lot of testing for both AP exams and SBAC tests.
- Next week is spring elective week; he thanked Brian Garland for his donation to the Gettysburg trip.
- More than 50 students signed up for Green Up Day.
- SMHS received the silver medal by *US World News and Report* for placing second in the State for best high school.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- He investigated the cost of adding a bus run for tuition students. It would cost \$20,000, which includes the cost of the driver and gasoline. No additional bus would need to be purchased, but the larger issue is they are down a bus driver and they are difficult to acquire.
- Darryl Sencabaugh, one of Sunapee's bus drivers, is receiving the Life Saving Award.
- He commended SMHS for placing second in best high in the State in *US World News and Report*.

He asked permission from the Board to proceed in investigating installing a new LED sign in front of the Sherburne Gym by the road instead of on the side of the building. The cost will be \$30,000-\$35,000. He currently has three different proposals from local vendors; he prefers local vendors as they will help install and landscape, while out of state vendors just ship the sign to you.

April Royce asked if donations and/or fundraising would be possible; Superintendent Holden said there is potential. April asked if he could get proposals from out of state vendors too and then volunteers could help install and landscape.

The Board discussed zoning, light pollution, what information would go on the sign, policy in regards to the LED sign.

Superintendent Holden will present his findings at the June meeting.

Approval of IKF – High School Graduation Policy:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the second reading of IKF – High School Graduation Policy as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed Property Liability Coverage Proposal:

Superintendent Holden explained that HealthTrust, who Sunapee currently uses, cannot hold the property liability for approximately 40%-50% of the schools in the State per the State of NH. He is recommending Primex to the Board. Business Administrator Wessells explained the advantages to the District of going with Primex.

Paul Skarin moved to approve Primex as the District's property liability insurance carrier as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed SCES/SMHS/Athletic Handbooks:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the 2016-2017 SCES/SMHS/Athletic handbooks as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

April noted a typo on pg. 12 of the SCES handbook; Principal Bergen stated it was corrected.

The Board discussed electronic usage and invitations to outside events with the administration.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed Old School Items for Sale:

April Royce moved to approve the sale of old school items as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden reviewed the items being sold. The Board asked that he post three items on Craig's List to try and get a higher price before selling them in the Nature's Classroom Yard Sale.

April Royce moved to approve the sale of old school items with the exception of the three items discussed.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed Stipend Positions:

April Royce moved to approve the 2015-2016 stipends as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden explained changes made to the spring sport coaching staff.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed June, 2017 Retirement of SCES Teacher:

April Royce moved to approve the June, 2017 retirement of SCES teacher, Michael Kennedy, as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed 2016-2017 Coaches:

April Royce moved to approve the 2016-2017 coaches as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden noted that all 2016 fall coaching positions are filled.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed New Kindergarten Teacher Nomination:

Brian Garland moved to approve Lisa Colburn as SCES kindergarten teacher as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Principal Bergen stated that there were 30 applicants and seven were interviewed.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Proposed 2016-2017 School Breakfast/Lunch Prices:

April Royce moved to approve the 2016-2017 school breakfast/lunch prices as presented.

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden explained how the prices are set by the federal/state government and that they are staying the same as the 2015-2016 school year. The Board discussed the State inspection later in the month and the new computer program system for food service.

Sherburne Gymnasium Floor:

April Royce moved to discuss the Sherburne Gym floor as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Superintendent Holden stated that the floor has not been fully renovated in 13 years. It was put forth a few years ago, but pulled due to budgetary concerns from the public. He has provided the Board with two quotes and is asking that they approve \$10,000 from the SCES Facilities Capital Reserve Fund and \$10,000 from the Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for a total of \$20,000 to renovate the gym floor.

The Board discussed the two quotes and the businesses available to complete the work.

Brian Garland moved to approve \$10,000 be taken from both the SCES Facilities Capital Reserve Fund and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to renovate the Sherburne Gym floor as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Superintendent's Evaluation:

Board Chair Carroll stated it would be discussed under non-public session.

Strategic Plan Update:

Superintendent Holden contacted NESDEC and had a nice initial conversation. The next step is for Principal Bergen, Student Services Director Geer, Principal Moynihan and Superintendent Holden to have a phone meeting with their contact at NESDEC later this month to plan the process. The work will not start until September.

Manifests:

Paul Skarin moved to approve A/P manifests:

- 2016-20 - \$115,374.61
- 2016-21 - \$54,170.67
- 2016-22 - \$84,073.65

Paul Skarin moved to approve payroll manifests:

- 2016-20 - \$391,435.73
- 2016-21 - \$300,260.71
- 2016-22 - \$375,407.74

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

None

Agenda for June 1, 2016:

- Curriculum Reviews – Science and Life Skills
- LED sign

The Board discussed the summer meeting dates. The Board will meet on June 1, 2016, skip July 2016, and meet either August 17, 2016 or August 24, 2016.

The Board discussed the upcoming alumni survey and how it will be communicated to the community when it is available.

Non-Public Session:

The Board went into non-public session at 8:50 p.m. **Please see non-public minutes.**

Adjournment:

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kate O'Connor

School Board Secretary