

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Media Center

June 4, 2014

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair

Kim Denney, Vice Chair

Mike Ripley – Arrived 7:06PM

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Terra Geer, Director of Student Services

Tom Frederick, Athletic Director

Sharon Parsons, MHS Teacher

Katie Flint, MHS Teacher

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kate O'Connor and a moment of silence by Shaun Carroll.

Agenda Review:

Adding another teacher nomination under "Action Items – C".

Adding a roof bid under "Informational Items".

Minutes:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the School Board meeting minutes of May 7, 2014.

The Board tabled until more members arrived.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the School Board meeting minutes of May 7, 2014.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

3 – Yays, 0 – Nays and 2 - Abstentions

Public Forum:

None

Athletic Presentation:

Tom Frederick provided the following presentation:

- The Varsity Softball team is in the quarterfinals.
- The Varsity Baseball team has their game on Saturday and will also progress further into the finals if they win.
- Nick Skarin made 3rd in the State in the 800 meter run.
- 39% of students participated in spring sports.
- The students participated in Operation Hat Trick which fundraises for veterans. The fundraiser raised \$70,000.
- The concussion baseline testing was very successful.
- There is still an issue with the fields although the soccer field is improving. There is just a high amount of traffic; drainage is also an issue.
- Five players on the baseball team are being recognized for being three sport athletes on June 12th.

Senior Project:

Sharon Parsons and Katie Flint provided the following presentation:

- The new Senior Project handbook was handed out to the Board. It is now a two year plan.
- Changes made:
 - Students now have to demonstrate knowledge gained and skills learned.
 - There are now graded elements; no longer pass/fail.
 - Quarterly progress reports to parents
 - Research paper completed in junior year
 - Project gallery
 - Senior Project Night the student becomes the teacher
 - Students can now complete ten hours of the project over the summer then meet with the teacher and if everything looks good, continue working on it.
 - The regular final proposal is actually due in October
 - Will have to write a thank you letter to mentors
- Thomas Coverdale will oversee the writing of the English paper

- Sharon Parsons and Katie Flint will act as the graders and judges
- The staff will rotate who oversees the project every three years

Paul Skarin asked if there will be a price cap or fundraising timeline for students. They have talked to students and parents about resources and if it looks as though it cannot be done they will not approve the project.

Russell Holden would like to see if there is a way they can begin the process in 9th grade and have the students work on it through high school. He is impressed with the integration of technology with Google Docs and rubrics.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The staff has been working on evaluating spelling instruction. Next year they have developed a plan for personalized spelling.
- The Sunapee Super Seven Dwarfs DI team placed 7th overall (5th in their primary challenge), out of 72 teams at Global Finals in Tennessee last month.
- Last week was the Annual Art Show in coordination with Prize Speaking. Nine students in grades 4th and 5th participated in prize speaking. Rupert Dalton, Molly Reed, Jackson Cooney and Johanna Roth received awards for their delivery of a memorized piece.
- Spring field trips are in full swing to the Seacoast Science Center and Squam Lakes Science Center, as well as, a whale watch.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following report:

- Prize Speaking at the middle and high school was held on May 29th. Rachel Malanga and Aubree Kozee won awards for the high school and Uzma Malik won for the middle school.
- The girls softball team beat Derryfield in the preliminaries
- The boys baseball team hosts Nute tomorrow and if they win will go to the Quarterfinals on Saturday.
- Graduation takes place on June 13th at 6PM. Thirty-seven students are graduating with 65% attending a four year college, 16% attending a two year college, 16% going into the workforce and 3% going into the military.

Superintendent Report:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following report:

- There is new pavement out in the parking lot due to a lightning strike last week. It blew the water main and school had to be cancelled last Friday. It also affected the Sherburne Gym switch and the TV here in the media center. The insurance company has been notified.
- This is the first time he has attended the prize speaking and was very impressed.
- Finishing the hiring process for next year.
- Held the first parent meeting for the 5th grade iPad pilot program.
- The team has been working on professional development for next year.

Building & Ground Updates:

- Connector Road Project – Still waiting to hear back from *Ventures*; will report more at next meeting.
- Culvert – Close to being done. Opened the 10ft pipe and will pave tomorrow. Will put the 3ft pipe in the 4ft pipe in a few months. The green shed has been moved.

Policy Review:

Paul Skarin moved to approve G policies second reading.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Paul Skarin moved to approve the first reading of I policies as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Paul Skarin moved to approve I policies reviewed as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Paul Skarin moved to approve I policies rescinded as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

2014-2015 Nominations of Coaches:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the 14-15 coaching nominations as presented.

The rest of the coaches will be brought forth in August/September.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Staff Resignations:

Paul Skarin moved to accept staff resignations with regret.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

New Teacher Nomination:

Mike Ripley moved to approve Heidi Doyle as the Technology Integrator for the 14-15 school year.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

The job was posted on edjobsnh.com and in the Eagle. There were fourteen applications received.

Vote unanimous.

Brian Garland moved to approve Allison Campbell as the SCES Music Teacher for the 14-15 school year.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

There were six applications and three interviewed.

Vote unanimous

Student Handbooks:

There are three handbooks in the packet with the paraprofessional handbook being new this year. Sean Moynihan stated that the dress code change from last year has been discarded and replaced with the old dress code. The personal devices policy has been tweaked as well. The tablets work fine, but personal phones do not. They have to be put away or used for lessons only.

Brian Garland moved to approve the three 2014-2015 SMHS, SCES and Paraprofessional handbooks as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Grade 5 Overnight Trip:

This is the second annual overnight for grade five. They spend the night at SCES, watch a movie, eat pizza, play games and then have breakfast in the morning.

Mike Ripley moved to approve the field trip as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

SMHS Extended Trip:

This is the Closeup Trip that is taken every year.

Kim Denney moved to approve the Closeup Trip as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Special Education Reserve Account:

Russell asked the Board to approve withdrawing up to \$75,000 from the Special Education Reserve account to cover overages. This is less than they expected. There is currently \$287,000 and this will leave \$212,000.

Kim Denney moved to approve the withdrawal of up to \$75,000 from the Special Education Reserve account to cover overages as presented.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Reserve Fund Balance Account:

Russell asked the Board to approve up to \$75,000 go into the Reserve Fund Balance account. By law up to 2.5% may be allowed to be put aside. They will know the exact amount the last week of June.

Kim Denney moved to approve up to \$75,000 be put into the Reserve Fund Balance account.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Superintendent Hire of Personnel:

Brian Garland moved to approve the Superintendent to hire personnel over the summer for the 14-15 school year from June 2014-August 2014.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Permission for Superintendent to Approve Summer Projects:

Kim Denney moved to approve the Superintendent to approve summer projects from June 2014-August 2014.
Mike Ripley seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

14-15 Lunch and Breakfast Price Increases:

Mike Ripley moved to approve the 14-15 school lunch and breakfast price increases as presented: from \$1.50 to \$1.60 for breakfast, and from \$2.50 to \$2.60 for lunch.
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Approval of Roofing Project:

Russell had already done a poll prior to the meeting. Weathercheck will complete the roofing project. There were 4 – Yays, 0 – Nays and 1 – Abstention.

Board Self-Evaluation:

Russell stated that the self-evaluations were positive. The Board completed their goals. Board discussion on getting a trainer from NHSBA.

Financial End of Year Update:

Russell explained that they will have some unanticipated revenue and more money may be given back to the towns.

Tuition Students:

Russell stated that he has received four phone calls from parents living in Goshen-Lempster and Croydon. Sean stated that he had conducted one official interview; most interviews happen over the summer. Terra Geer stated that she has had two inquiries about receiving special education students.

SCES Trimester Proposal:

Jodi explained that next year the elementary school will be moving to three quarters from four. This will mean report cards will go out every sixty days instead of every forty-five. This change occurred due to the arts/music specialty classes. There is no scheduling impact and it doesn't affect the calendar. They will be able to get the information out to parents at parent conferences.

Discussion on the impact to students and parents.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2014-23 - \$60,247.89
- 2014-24 - \$93,029.77

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2014-21 - \$428,835.84
- 2014-22 - \$205,228.94
- 2014-23 - \$265,896.90

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

Gidget Ducharme asked the following questions:

- How much will lunch and breakfast be next year? \$2.60 for lunch and \$1.60 for breakfast.
- Are teachers leading by example with personal devices? Yes
- Are the elementary music classes being reduced with the new teacher and if not is the SMHS music teacher's contract being reduced? No, elementary music classes are not being reduced and band will now be taught by the new teacher not the SMHS teacher. The SMHS teacher was stipend to do the band classes and already has a full schedule at the high school as well.
- Commented that the new research paper for the Senior Project is going to be due right when finals are being taken. Asks that they consider doing it the fall of 11th grade.

John Augustine stated that he feels that the Senior Project should ask students in twenty-five words or less how their project makes them college and career ready. Russell stated that he feels the process in itself helps students become college and career ready.

Agenda for August 6, 2014:

- Policies
- Project Updates
- Good News
- Manifest

Non-Public Session:

The Board went into non-public session. (See minutes)

Respectfully Submitted By,
Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary