

Sunapee School Board Meeting

August 3, 2011

SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Kim Denney
Brian Garland
Edward Bailey

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Terra Geer, Special Education Director
Kate O'Connor, Board Secretary
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Brendan Minnihan led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was led by Shaun Carroll.

Minutes:

Edward Bailey moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2011 as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

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Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave the Board the following good news:

- Some summer school classes still ongoing such as the Life Skills group.
- 38-39 students participated in regular summer school.
- Spanish Camp is in its second week.

- Robotics Camp was a big success; Brian Garland commented that his children loved it!
- Taysa Bruno has been hired as a new Part-time SCES administrative assistant.
- In the process of hiring a new paraeducator, currently in final interviews.
- Moved some classrooms around a little bit, but building is in great shape; thanked janitors for all their hard work.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- Currently building maintenance is being attended to, such as small painting projects around the building.
- Last year's Spanish teacher has resigned as she is going back to school. Sean has chosen a nominee named Nicole Chartier who comes from John Stark High School where she worked for four years as the Spanish teacher.

Superintendent Communications:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report to the Board:

- The NH Legislature has increased the rate that employees and employers put in the NH Retirement System.
- There is currently litigation against the State based on changes to the retirement system.
- Sunapee did budget money as a set-aside for the State's entire share; may have to pay \$150,000. He will keep the Board updated with information.

Blodgett Property:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report to the Board:

- The SAU moved in on July 25, 2011.
- Minor things still have to be done, but the major work is completed.
- The community seems happy and the new building is working out well.
- He thanked all employees for their help with the move.
- A Facilities Open House is scheduled for September 13, 2011. Sean Moynihan and Alan Pullman will schedule with Brendan for their buildings as well. This will be a "facilities" open house only as regular open houses for student's and parent's will held on a different date.

SCES & SMHS Co-Curricular Contracts:

The Board reviewed the fall and year-around contracts brought forth in the packets.

Judy Trow moved to approve all fall and year-around contracts for the 11-12 school year.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Second Reading of Policy JICI – “Weapons on School Property/Gun-Free School Act” and Policy JICD – “Student Discipline Policy”:

The Board reviewed the second reading of the above policies.

Edward Bailey moved to approve policies JICI – “Weapons on School Property/Gun-Free School Act” and JICD – “Student Discipline Policy” as presented.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Resignations:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following resignations:

- Nancy Bronder – 7th Grade Math teacher
- Jennifer Frederick – SCES paraeducator

Edward Bailey moved to approve the resignations of Nancy Bronder and Jennifer Frederick.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve the following A/P manifests:

- #2011-28 = \$133,050.84
- #2011-29 = \$88,874.07
- #2011-30 = \$118,757.54
- #2011-31 = \$143,985.48
- #2011-32 = \$72,323.87
- #2012-1 = \$57,121.45
- #2012-2 = \$87,397.42

Kim Denney moved to approve the following payroll manifests:

- #2011-25 = \$371,249.00
- #2011-26 = \$352,136.12
- #2011-26.1 = \$491,083.21
- #2011-27 = \$173,418.73
- #2011-27.1 = \$230.60
- #2012-1 = \$28,151.81
- #2012-2 = \$40,325.99

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of New Hires:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following new hires:

- Tracey Koehler – New library/media generalist replacing Liz Moulton. She comes from a Norwich, VT.

Judy Trow moved to approve the hiring of Tracey Koehler as a library/media generalist.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

- Nicole Chartier – New Spanish teacher from John Stark High School in Weare, NH. She comes with four years experience as a Spanish teacher.

Judy Trow moved to approve the hiring of Nicole Cartier as a SMHS Spanish teacher.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

- Jillian Fitzgerald – New District LNA. She is energetic and can work as both an LNA and paraeducator. She will work three days a week during the school year and two days a week during summer school. She is a good match for Sunapee students.

Kim Denney moved to approve the hiring of Jillian Fitzgerald as a District LNA/Paraeducator.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for Next Meeting, September 7, 2011:

- Goals for 11-12
- Manifest
- Minutes
- Good News
- Blodgett Property
- Superintendent News
- Finalize Open House

Adjournment:

Judy Trow moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted By,



Kate O'Connor

Sunapee School Board Secretary