

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Media Center

August 6, 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 7:01PM

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland - Absent

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Wayne Palmer, Facilities Director

Ray Palin, SMHS Media Director

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

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

Minutes:

Kim Denney moved to approve the School Board meeting minutes of June 4, 2014.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following good news:

- Summer school was well attended with seventeen students in small groups; the teachers feel there were several breakthroughs.
- There are eleven new students registered for next year including a tuition student from Croydon.
- Mathematics, English Language Arts and technology professional development have been going on this summer.
- Thanked the facilities crew for an outstanding job on projects at SCES.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following report:

- The AP scores for English Language Arts, US History and Calculus have come out:
 - ELA –
 - Four 5's
 - Four 4's
 - Four 3's
 - US History –
 - Three 4's
 - Four 3's
 - Three 2's
 - One 1
 - Calculus –
 - Four 5's
 - Two 4's
 - Four 3's
- Ed Kehoe, girls' basketball coach for three seasons, passed away this morning.

Superintendent Report:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following report:

- Three to four weeks ago lightning hit the school again and the District lost its firewall. It has just recently been replaced.
- The SAU has been working on grants and is almost complete.
- The team is reviewing the evaluation model using student data; will be working on this all year.
- In talks with Solarguard; the next step is go to the town with a site plan.
- Kudos to Wayne Palmer and his team for doing a great job on summer projects.

Building & Ground Updates:

- Summer Projects –
 - Most of the projects are completed except for some work in the girls' locker room, cleaning of the SCES floors next week and painting of the Sherburne Gym.
 - At SMHS, new library carpet has been installed, the gym floor is finished and the roof above the middle school has been fixed.
 - All rooms at SCES have been completely cleaned except the two that had summer school.
 - The drama and janitor closets at both schools have been cleaned out and organized.
 - The shingles on the portable outside of SCES need to be repaired.
- Connector Road Project – Russell presented schematics of the road to the Board from Ventures Engineering. The Board discussed whether the road should be one lane or two lanes as well as the parking setup. The Board decided on two lanes. Russell will contact Nick at Ventures Engineering to get schematics showing two lanes.
- Culvert – Smaller pipe needs to go inside larger pipe and concrete poured on top; it will then be completed.

Policy Review:

Kim Denney moved to approve all policies as presented.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Approval to Withdraw Funds from the SCES Capital Reserve Fund:

Russell stated that currently there is \$103,828 in the account. He would like the Board to approve the bid from Lake Sunapee's Versatile Contracting, LLC for \$6,500 to fix the shingles on the portable outside of the SCES that houses the preschool.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the withdrawal of \$6,500 to fix the shingles on the portable building per the bid from Lake Sunapee's Versatile Contracting, LLC as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Board Goals:

Russell asked the Board to review the 13-14 Board goals that were sent in their packet.

The Board discussed an email sent to the Board and Superintendent from someone who voiced their displeasure with the District aligning with the Common Core Standards. Russell will respond.

The Board will review the goals from last year and meet at 6PM before the September 3rd Board meeting at 7PM to review and make changes at that time.

The Board asked that Russell bring a list of upgrades that have been done in the District over the last three years.

CIP Walkabout Date:

The members of the Capital Improvement Committee will meet on Monday, August 18th at 10AM at SCES and then SMHS for a facilities walkthrough.

Summer Hiring:

Russell stated that the following people were hired over the summer:

- Kathy Hancock – Bus Driver
- Robert Lantz – Food Service Director
- Amanda Patenaude – Life Skills Teacher & JV Girls Soccer Coach (She is a full-time teacher for one special education student who is coming back from out of district placement; she is grant funded)

Curriculum Review:

Russell asked the Board to note the handout on the curriculum review process that the faculty has created. There are a total of four stages over a four year period. The Board will review and thanked the staff.

August PD Schedule:

Russell asked the Board to note the PD schedule for the first week that staff is back at school; it is a total of five days.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2014-25 - \$108,620.01
- 2014-26 - \$154,896.13
- 2014-27 - \$71,303.72

- 2014-28 - \$70,217.28
- 2015-01 - \$141,840.16
- 2015-02 - \$69,886.61

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2014-24 - \$343,655.34
- 2014-25 - \$295,846.33
- 2014-26 - \$249,669.90
- 2014-26.1 - \$657,994.70
- 2014-27 - \$226,147.39
- 2015-1 - \$27,559.15

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

John Augustine asked the Board to consider adding one agenda item a month in regards to student performance or college and career readiness to elevate the topic in people's minds; for example SAT scores, AP scores or scholarships. He is dismayed to see the SAT scores went down in 2011 and 2012 with math being below the State average. He doesn't understand why teachers are not given raises based on student performance.

Russell explained that this year we will be working on a teacher's evaluation model that will have 20% based on student growth. There is a new clause that states that a teacher needs to demonstrate proficiency on the evaluation, and if "needs improvement" is indicated on the evaluation this could be used to make personnel decisions. Negotiations begin at the end of this upcoming school year and the teacher evaluation process will be discussed.

Agenda for September 3, 2014:

- Policies
- Project Updates
- Good News
- Manifest
- Opening Day
- Student Representative

Adjournment:

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 8:16PM.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary