

Sunapee School Board Meeting
SMHS Media Center
January 7, 2009

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Kim Denney
Hershel Strickland
Edward Bailey

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Kate Dunlap, Secretary
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Pledge of Allegiance:

Shaun Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Hershel Strickland moved to approve the minutes from December 6, 2008.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Hershel Strickland moved to approve the minutes from December 15, 2008.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Judy Trow and Shaun Carroll agreed; Kim Denney abstained.

Public:

None

Good News SMHS:

Sean Moynihan informed the Board that the middle school geography bee will be held on January 14, 2009 and the spelling bee will be held on January 21, 2009. Eric Skarin was

named December student of the month. He also said that many students were receiving college acceptance letters and the Board should check them out on the bulletin board before they leave.

Sean Moynihan wanted to inform the Board that teacher, Dick Byrne's, father had passed away. The Board said they will send a condolence card.

Superintendent Communication:

Brendan Minnihan said that Ann Williamson, first volunteer at SCES, had passed away. Her family has asked people to send gifts and donations to SCES.

Brendan Minnihan said that Edward Murdough and Mark Joyce, from the State, called and asked if Sunapee had any upcoming building projects. Senator Jeanne Shaheen is looking to put in for money from the federal government. Brendan Minnihan said he informed them of the \$16.7 million SCES project and the \$400,000 SAU project. He hopes that they will receive stimulus aid towards them.

Blodgett Property:

Dan Bisson from team design handed out a report on the barn and site plan of the new building. The barn is not in good repair and is difficult to move. The design team thinks it would be better to replace the barn with an addition. They are a little worried about space allocations and think the addition would relieve any such worries. The wood from the barn could be used in the restructuring of the building project itself. Judy Trow said her family has a business that reconditions wood from old buildings such as the barn. Dan Bisson will find out how much it will cost to reuse the barn wood. Dan Bisson said the State Historical Registry will want documentation if the barn is deemed unusable. He will speak with the State and find out the next steps.

Dan Bisson handed out a site plan for parking. He is currently trying to find a good company. He introduced Gary LaPorte to the Board. LaPorte Construction has not been hired, but could help find bids for the parking if he does come on board. Dan Bisson said the boring and testing holes might need to be done. The Board said that was fine.

Gary LaPorte introduced himself as the head of LaPorte Construction. He handed out a proposal for the main scope of work and an addition if the Board chooses to do so. He came up with a budget and believes it shows real numbers for the amount of work planned. He handed out a site plan for the new addition. Dan Bisson said that the State should give the school district around 55% in State Aid.

Dan Bisson said the building itself is pretty soundproof so no additional insulation will be needed. He handed out a breakdown of costs to the Board. He said the next step is to have a NESHAPS survey done. This is required for any work done on older buildings. Dan Bisson said that the architect's fee is not included in the proposal.

The Board said they were happy with the radiant heat being installed, but would also like a generator added to the plan in case of power outages.

2009 Default Budget:

Mike Trojano said the default budget is \$6,000 more than the proposed budget. He said both special education and administration costs are down.

Judy Trow moved to approve the default budget as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Warrant Articles:

Hershel Strickland moved to add an additional \$25,000 towards dental insurance for employees 35 hours or more a week, plus \$3,000 to increase Board stipends to the proposed budget.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Shaun Carroll said yes, while Judy Trow and Edward Bailey abstained.

Annual Report:

Brendan Minnihan said that he and Mike Trojano would like to change the format of the annual report to reflect a breakdown of all education. This would break out vocational education, transportation, bilingual education, etc.

After the budget hearing on January 15, 2009, there will be a short meeting to discuss how to present the budget at the deliberative session.

First Reading of Policy IHAM:

Hershel Strickland moved to approve the first reading of policy IHAM- Health Education and Exemption from Instruction.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Manifest:

Payroll- \$353,600.64

A/P- \$122,554.59

Grand Total- \$476,155.23

Kim Denney moved to approve the manifest as presented.

Hershel Strickland seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Policy IJOC:

Hershel Strickland moved to accept policy IJOC- Volunteers as presented.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Field Trips to Costa Rica and Boston:

Hershel Strickland moved to approve the Costa Rica trip in 2010, with the materials presented to the Board by Sean Moynihan, after administrative review at the high school level.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Hershel Strickland asked that the dates be checked as he felt that students would be missing quite a bit of school.

Judy Trow moved to approve the Boston trip from February 19-22, 2009.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Hershel Strickland would like to see the field trips come to the Board sooner than a month before the trip.

Bank Signatures:

Mike Trojano said he would like to update the bank signatures on different accounts, including:

Take off William Mealey and add Alan Doherty to the general fund.

Add Brenda Greene, Kathy Ward and Alan Pullman to the elementary fund.

Judy Trow moved to approve Lake Sunapee Bank remove and reauthorize the names presented to the Board as stated in the letter they sent.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Food Service:

Brendan Minnihan handed out median lunch rates around the State to the Board. Mike Trojano said to keep the prices the same at both schools this year, but would like to up the price to \$2.00 next year.

Brendan Minnihan said the new cash register is in place and working fine. The Board

asked that he find out if second's are needed or if larger portions would be more appropriate.

Concerns:

Hershel Strickland said he would like the Board to discuss their legal representation as he has concerns.

Hershel Strickland would also like to review attendance policies and graduation as he has concerns in this area as well.

Brendan Minnihan reminded everyone that January 15, 2009 is the budget hearing, February 2, 2009 is the Deliberative session and February 4, 2009 is the next Board meeting.

Agenda Items:

List of field trips in the school district and which ones are free or costly.

Discussion of the deliberative session.

Discussion of legal representation.

Attendance policies.

Non-public:

Hershel Strickland moved to go into non-public session under 91-A:3 II(c) at 9:55 p.m.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Roll Call:

Edward Bailey

Hershel Strickland

Shaun Carroll

Kim Denney

Judy Trow