

# Sunapee School Board Meeting

## SMHS Media Center

November 5, 2014

### Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair

Kim Denney, Vice Chair

Mike Ripley

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland

### Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Terra Geer, Special Education

Ray Palin, SMHS Media Director

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

### Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Ripley and a moment of silence by Shaun Carroll.

### Minutes:

Kim Denney moved to approve the School Board meeting minutes of October 1, 2014.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

3 – Yays, 0 – Nays, 2 - Abstentions

### Agenda Review:

Added under #10 – Action Items, D – Boys basketball trip to Cape Cod

There will be a non-public session, but no voting will take place

### Public Forum:

None

### Abbott Library Presentation:

Terry White, Chair of the Abbott Library Trustees, gave a presentation on the new Abbott Library:

- The new Abbott Library officially opened on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The library is looking for partnering opportunities with the school and other local organizations.
- She thanked the administration and School Board for bussing students to the library for afterschool programs three days a week; this is open to all students afterschool.
- The advisors that oversee the senior projects asked if the seniors could present at the library which the library agreed to. They also asked the library for some ideas for senior projects.
- They have also been contacted by the school for a list of volunteer opportunities of which the library has many.
- The Friends of Abbott Library also donated a 3D printer to library.
- There are conference meeting rooms which are open to the public, including the school, to use. They hold 15 and 36 people respectively.
- The Honor Society has been helping with the Wednesday afterschool 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program.
- Open house is Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-1PM.
- Some of the hours have changed due to feedback from the community like longer hours on Saturday.

Gidget Ducharme, Cross Rd., mentioned that it might be beneficial for the library to put a calendar on their website showing when the conference rooms are open and somehow for people to be able to reserve the rooms through the website.

### SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade went to Fort #4, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade visited the Montshire Museum and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be visiting VINS this Friday as part of the Naturalist in Residence Program. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade has been working with the naturalist on geology topics.
- The annual Halloween parade was last Friday.
- The Scholastic Book Fair is going on this week and Family Night was very well attended tonight.

- Teachers at both schools are working in vertical teams to review and revise curriculum.

#### Special Education Report:

Terra Geer gave the Board the following report:

- The number of special education students in the District is 15.5% and the percentage of the budget spent on special education is 15.5%.
- There are 64 students with special needs in the whole District with 9 placed out of district and 3 privately placed by parents. 14 students were referred in the 13-14 school year, but only 9 were found eligible for services.
- The Procedural Safeguards Handbook was updated by the State in October.
- Sunapee was awarded the NH Educational Award for SCES as a school “making important strides in closing the gap between regular education students and special education students”.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> vocational rehabilitation will meet with the special education and 504 teams about how they can help with transitions into adulthood.
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Peg Dawson, a licensed clinical school psychologist, on staff at the Center for Learning and Attention Disorders in Portsmouth, NH will come present to staff, parents and the School Board regarding Executive Functioning.

#### Superintendent Report:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following report:

- There have been many meetings on curriculum design, and curriculum mapping meetings have started.
- He has been attending many conferences around the State including the NHSAA Best Financial Practices conference last Thursday and Friday.
- The new Speakup survey is now on our website.
- Both Sean Moynihan and Meagan Reed are attending the semifinals volleyball game tonight. The girls’ semifinal soccer game is at Derryfield tomorrow; the boys’ team was knocked out of the semifinals. The golf team ended in fifth place, but made it to the tournament for the first time. The bass fishing team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place this year.

#### Building & Ground Updates:

- Connector Road Project – Nick from Ventures Engineering is still waiting to hear back from the DOT. Russell will have monetary numbers for the project next month for warrant articles.

Gaila and Michael Kennedy Notice of Retirement:

Paul Skarin moved to accept with regret the notice of retirement for Gaila and Michael Kennedy as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Set Date for CIP and Budget Meeting:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the CIP meeting be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5PM and the Board Budget Work Session the same day at 6PM.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Boys Basketball Cape Cod Overnight Field Trip:

Kim Denney moved to approve the boys basketball Cape Cod overnight field trip from December 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

4 – Yays, 0 – Nays and 1 - Abstention

Email List Server on Website:

The email listserve the public had requested has been created on the website. You can find general information through it; currently there are only five subscribers and they are all employees.

Spirit Coach:

Russell noted the new spirit coach hired for the winter season. They were interviewed by Tom Frederick and approved by Sean Moynihan. The Board doesn't need to take action; it is for information only.

Commissioner of Education Recognition:

Russell commented on the recognition by the Commissioner for the NH Education Award for special education at SCES.

SCES Extracurricular Appointments:

Russell asked the Board to note the list of SCES extracurricular appointments in their packet; this is informational only.

SCES Winter Activities Ski Program Coordinator Appointment:

The new person is Charlene Osborne, she is currently PTO President.

Town/School Emergency Preparedness Table Top Exercise – January 15, 2015:

The police and fire chiefs will meet with administration, guidance counselors, nurses and facilities personnel to go over scenarios of emergency situations and then there will be a full scale evaluation in the spring. Homeland Security is coming out next week to review the District's preparedness.

NH Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Spring 2015:

Joyce Murphy-Gale, nurse, will be the acting representative from Sunapee and will be trained in administering the survey. The survey is about risky behaviors in the community and will be going out to students in the spring. The survey is voluntary and anonymous.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2015-7 - \$102,827.70
- 2015-8 - \$98,468.55

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2015-6.1 - \$33.38
- 2015-6 - \$263,152.39
- 2015-7 - \$208,110.49

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

Katie Ortiz, Sargent Rd., asked what the difference is between privately placed and out of district students. Terra replied that parents are sending their child to private school and the District gives them special education services while out of district students are placed there by the District. She also asked how SCES was nominated for the NH Educational Award. Terra stated it is based on NECAP data.

Gidget Ducharme, Cross Rd., asked what CIP stand for – Capital Improvement Program. She asked how the public gets a voice before Board meetings; she can contact any of the Board

members individually. She asked about the details of the Cape Cod trip and if the Speakup survey is on the website. She commented that the website needs to be more consistent of where items are placed as it seems to change weekly and it is difficult to find the information you need.

Jan Bettencourt, Fernwood Point Rd., stated that when she tried to view the agenda today it asked her for an email and password. Russell stated it was an issue with the Google server.

Agenda for December 3, 2014:

- Policies
- Connector Road Update
- Good News
- Manifest
- Budget

Non-Public Session

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Kate O'Connor  
School Board Secretary