

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Media Center

November 6, 2013

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

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland - Absent

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Kate O'Connor, Board Secretary

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

Shaun Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shaun Carroll led the moment of silence.

Minutes:

Kim Denney moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 school board meeting.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve the non-public minutes of October 2, 2013.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The NECAPS are finished and SCES had 100% participation.
- They are working at providing enrichment programming at all grade levels.
- A 4-H Health Rocks Club has started.
- Sending out winter activities this week; tennis has been added this year.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan is not in attendance as he went with the girls' soccer team to watch the semi-finals against Derryfield.

Superintendent Report:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following report:

- The boys' soccer team will play in the semi-finals tomorrow, November 7th, against Winnisquam.
- He attended the SCES Halloween parade; it was a lot of fun.
- He signed up the elementary school for a field study on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Test.
- He was reviewing policies and could not find policy BCA – Board Members Code of Ethics, which need to be signed and on file. He is asking the Board to read and sign tonight.
- Asked the Board how they want to choose the Annual Report cover. Past practice has been for the Board Chair and the Superintendent to choose the cover and dedication. Shaun and Russell would like the rest of the Board's input. Russell will send the Board members the parameters and wants ideas back.

Building & Ground Updates:

School Projects – Russell Holden gave the following summer projects report to the Board:

- Culvert Project –
 - The culvert is here. They are starting to re-navigate the water; this should be done within two weeks. The paving will probably not get done until the spring.
- Connector Road Project –
 - Russell has contacted Venture, Inc.; they say it is going to cost somewhere between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 for the entire project depending on the amount of blasting needed. Shaun and Russell met with the Planning Board and

have made site visits with Venture, Inc. The company has drawn up other possibilities, which have been handed out tonight. There are currently four different proposals. Russell would like the Board to review and get back to him as they are meeting with Venture, Inc. this Friday.

Paul Skarin stated he is worried about one of the proposals in particular due to safety in the gym parking lot and hill. Mike Ripley stated that there would need to be a retaining wall on the hill in front of the school to have a parent turnaround. Paul felt that parents shouldn't be allowed to park in the gym parking lot except for athletic events.

Shaun explained that the Police Chief and Fire Chief did not like two-way traffic on Sargent Rd. The new designs have the road coming out of route 11. Mike stated that currently the Board has invested \$6,200 and feels they should stick with the original plan or maybe proposals 3 or 4.

Paul felt that one of the proposals with the curb cut out is illegal; he felt that the DOT should be contacted. Russell stated he will talk to Venture, Inc. Shaun said the next time they meet with Venture, Inc. they will discuss the curb cut, the price on the original plan, proposals number two and four.

Policy Review:

Kim Denney moved to approve policies under Second Reading:

- AB – Involvement in Decision Making
- AC – Nondiscrimination
- AC-R – Grievance Procedure
- AD – Philosophy of the School District
- ADB – Drug-free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools
- AE – Accountability
- CBI – Superintendent Evaluation and Goal Setting
- CBI-R – Evaluation of the Superintendent
- GBEP – School District Internet Access for Staff
- GBEP-R – School District Acceptable Use Policy for Staff
- GCO – Teacher Performance and Evaluation System
- GDO – Evaluation of Support Staff
- JICL – School District Internet Access for Students
- JICL-R – School District Acceptable Use Policy for Students

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Nutrikids:

Russell asked the Board to review the proposal to buy Nutrikids. This will allow the District lunch program to enter menus, complete State reports easier and gain better access to parents. This is a web-based program and is technologically compatible with PowerSchool. The price includes training and setup.

Kim Denney moved to approve waiving policy DJC – Bidding to purchase Nutrikids for \$11,000. Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Nature's Classroom:

Sharon Parsons gave the following presentation on Nature's Classroom:

- Handed out posters that the students make as a project they work on when they return.
- Students make a 3.5hr trip to Wakefield, RI by bus. Luggage is carried in a rental van and there is no technology for the whole week. This is a YMCA camp and the students are up from 7AM-10PM.
- Students stay in cabins; two boys and two girls. Students do not mix in cabins. Meals are family style and students take turns serving, cleaning and setting up for meals.
- Students choose what classes they want to take while there including, shark dissection, Spider Island, feed your face, sheep eyeball dissection and building volcanoes.
- There are transition times in which students can play four square, tetherball and go fishing.
- Students are all part of a field group. They stay with that group and teacher for the week and participate in teambuilding activities.
- Testimonials were read by the students on what they learned about themselves while in Rhode Island.

2014-2015 Budget Timeline:

Kelly Wessells explained that the Budget Hearing has been moved from January 8th to January 15th.

Kim Denney moved to approve the amended 2014-2015 Budget Timeline.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Sunapee Girls Outing Club:

Russell explained that this is like the Boys Outing Club. It is run by Dawn Emory and Ms. Dulac. They have three dates planned in Vermont, Sunapee and Enfield. Sean has all emergency information and approves of the trip and chaperones.

Kim Denney moved to approve the Sunapee Girls Outing Club as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

SMHS Boys Varsity Basketball Field Trip:

Paul explained that this trip has been going on for a couple of years. They go to the Cape and play schools five-six times larger than Sunapee. They see a Celtics game on Friday night, play Saturday and come back on Sunday. Parents come down to watch and the coaching staff is the chaperones.

Mike Ripley moved to approve the SMHS Boys Varsity Basketball field trip as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Paraprofessional Position:

Russell asked the Board to approve a new paraprofessional position at SCES named Donna Hebert; she has nine years experience.

Mike Ripley moved to approve the hiring of Donna Hebert as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Families and Community Together for Sunapee Students:

Synthia Lisak wants to hold these meeting 3-4 times a year. She is inviting families to hear about general topics such as learning styles or special education. The presenter is from PIC. The flyer is going into folders at SCES and with progress reports at the middle school level. It is also posted on the website. It is at no cost to parents and will be held next Thursday, November 14th.

Athletic Field Committee Report:

Russell handed out two proposals from the SMHS Athletic Master Planning Committee has been working on. They were tasked by the Board to come up with a plan to build a softball field. The team includes, Scott Blewitt, Sean Moynihan, Myles Cooney, Tom Frederick, and Jon

Reed. They are trying to decide between natural grass and synthetic turf. Sean recommends that the Board invite SMART, company involved, to hear their recommendations and why.

The Board agreed to have them come to speak, but were confused by the fact that a soccer field was part of the proposals when they had just asked for a softball field. Also, the price of over a million dollars seemed quite pricey.

Russell will invite SMART to come and speak with the Board and will have Wayne come up with a projection on how much it would cost to fix up the current fields.

CIP Committee Report:

Russell asked the Board to review the list in the packet with price tags for each item:

- The south side of the SMHS roof needs to be done.
- The art room renovation and consumer science upgrades are going to be put on hold.
- There is a proposal to get the locker room redone, but other avenues are being investigated due to price.
- External snack stand
- Parking issues for athletic events
- Repaving entire SMHS facility
- Replacement of flooring by SMHS entrance
- Ventilation work in SMHS gym
- Access road for SCES
- SCES renovation/addition
- Digital sign for Sherburne gym

Paul asked that the ventilation in the SMHS gym be a priority due to it being so hot. The gym could be used more if there was better air flow.

Health Trust Surplus Payment to Retirees:

Kelly explained that LGC had to give back a surplus of money to retirees who overpaid; letters have been sent to retirees. Only one person has come forward to receive any money.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2014-8 - \$125,253.91
- 2014-9 - \$162,241.29

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2014-7 - \$344,530.18
- 2014-8 - \$414,561.83

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for December 4, 2013:

- Budget
- SMART
- Annual Report
- Project Updates
- Good News
- Manifest

Public Forum:

None

Respectfully Submitted By,
Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary