

Sunapee School Board Meeting  
December 5, 2012  
SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair  
Paul Skarin  
Mike Ripley  
Kim Denney, Vice Chair  
Brian Garland

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent  
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator  
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator  
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal  
Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal  
Kelly Wessells, Financial Services Manager  
Jon Reed, Technology Integrator  
Kate O'Connor, Board Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Minutes:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the school board minutes of November 7, 2012.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Kim Denney moved to approve the school board minutes of November 14, 2012

Brian Garland seconded the motion

Vote unanimous

Public Forum:

John Augustine thanked the Board for posting the Board goals on the website. He asked why one of the goals was to make/keep the Sunapee School District in the top 20% of districts in the State when magazines such as Newsweek list them as 3<sup>rd</sup> best high school in the State.

Brendan Minnihan explained that it depends on the metric used as Sunapee as a district is rated as 9<sup>th</sup> in a different report. That is why stating 20% is a realistic goal.

John Augustine also asked about an infrastructure for the arts at SCES and SMHS. He believes that there is a perception in town that athletics are more important than the arts. The Board stated that they are planning on doing some work on the art rooms at both schools in the next couple years.

#### SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the following report to the Board:

1. Recognized "Light of the Holidays" which is for reading at home every night. Lights are hung in the hallways representing the books students are reading at home.
2. There was a faculty meeting today. The staff participated in the activity "A Drop in the Bucket" recognizing positive actions. Half were for staff and half were for students. One bucket is already full.
3. The Christmas concert will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Shelly Morse gave birth to her 3<sup>rd</sup> child today, a girl named Lillian.
5. She is working with Chief Cahill to fix the morning drop off situation.

#### SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the following report to the Board:

1. The civics class held a breakfast for veterans on Veterans Day. All the students put it on themselves.
2. The fall play is "Bad Year for Tomatoes". It will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The drama club is putting on "Oklahoma!" in the spring.
3. Workshops will be held by staff and students the last day before holiday break.
4. Winter sports have started.
5. The winter concert was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, there were 190 attendees. The middle school participation is up this year, but the high school is down. He stated that there is a scheduling issue for band at the high school level. It is being worked on.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report to the Board:

1. He asked the Board to think about what design they would like for the District Annual Report and if the Board wanted it dedicated to anyone.
2. He presented the Board with data on what students are doing after graduation. Sunapee is in the top for college attendance. The Board discussed the importance of this information and if it should be in the District report card. Over the last five years Sunapee students have:
  - a. 66% - 4yr colleges
  - b. 17% - 2yr colleges

- c. 15% - workforce
  - d. 2% - military
3. There have been new website developments:
- a. You can subscribe to the calendar
  - b. Picture of events are posted
  - c. A link has been added on to connect to District data on the NHDOE website.
  - d. The policies, minutes and goals have been added.
  - e. You can subscribe to the Sunapee website, but you have to have Google. You can add another system or steer people to create a Google account. Permissions can be set up so people can only see what we want.
  - f. An employment section has been added.
  - g. A curriculum link has been added, but it is not fully developed yet.
  - h. Each school is a work in progress. The staff directory is now easier to read and has more web pages.

Projects Update:

Kelly Wessells said the hardware had come in for the SCES projects. Over the holiday break the safety glass and smoke doors will be completed. John LaPlante is getting the prep work done for the stair rails; the work will be done over February break. The environmental agency for the State came to review the application for the bridge. It has been given the go ahead. The tube and knob wiring in the Sherburne gym is also being replaced.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Revision of Policy JICK – Dress Code:

Mike Ripley moved to accept the revision of policy JICK.  
Brian Garland seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous.

Manifest:

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

- #2013-13 = \$79,741.15
- #2013-14 = \$80,918.28

Kim Denney moved to approve the following payroll manifests:

- #2013-10 = \$207,495.12
- #2013-10.1 = \$396.26
- #2013-11 = \$391,210.68

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous.

Agenda for Next Meeting, January 9, 2013:

- Manifest

- Minutes – 12/5/2012
- Good News
- Superintendent News
- District Report Card
- Communication
- Building & Grounds Project Updates
- Budget

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Mike Ripley seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kate O'Connor

Sunapee School Board Secretary