

Sunapee School Board Meeting
SMHS Media Center
August 6, 2008

Call to Order: Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Hershel Strickland
Kim Denney
Edward Bailey- Absent

Other Present: Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Kate Dunlap, School Board Secretary
Jim Vezina, Business Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance: Judy Trow led the Pledge of Allegiance. Shaun Carroll asked for a moment of silence.

Public: None

Good News: Sean Moynihan and Ray Pallin spoke to the Board about the updates taking place in the SMHS Media Center. Ray Pallin introduced himself to the Board as the new Media Coordinator. He handed out an overview of what has been accomplished thus far and what is currently ongoing. (See attached sheet). He said he examined 80% of the books and weeded out many. There should be 17-23 books per student and there were about 40 per student. He said he would be handing the Board a report on what books were discarded most.

Ray Pallin said that an alarm system will be installed so that books are properly processed and taken out. He plans on having a computer resource catalog and reeducating the students on how to use the library. He also said he plans on speaking with Jon Reed and Mike Montore about putting the Sunapee website on all media computers.

The Board was very impressed and cannot wait to see the finished product.

Superintendent Communications: Brendan Minnihan handed out photos to the Board of the maintenance work that has been done over the summer in both schools. The photos included new floors, kitchen and computer labs in the Sunapee Central Elementary School, as well as, the new paint job at the Sunapee Middle High School.

The Board discussed wanting to do something for the maintenance crew, as well as Mike Montore, for all the hard work they have done in not only the schools, but the new SAU #85 building.

Brendan Minnihan discussed with the Board the significant loss felt with the Argus Champion Newspaper now closed. The Argus covered many of the school events for Sunapee and people are worried that there will no longer be any news on the schools reported. He informed the Board that Jeff Miller, sports writer, would like to start up a website devoted to local area sporting events. The Board loved the idea and asked if Mr. Miller would expand the website to cover artistic events as well.

Brendan Minnihan said that might be an option. Jeff Miller is seeking out advertisers to help fund the endeavor. The Board told Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal, to find out if Jeff Miller needs help with startup costs and if he is willing to write on other school events. Sean Moynihan said he will speak with him.

Minutes: Hershel Strickland moved to approve the minutes from July 2, 2008 as presented.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Retreat Minutes: Hershel Strickland moved to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2008 retreat as presented.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Blodgett Property: The Board introduced Dan Bisson from the NH Historical Society to speak on the historical significance of the Blodgett Property.

Dan Bisson said it was reviewed for both archaeological and historical significance. The building is historical, but nothing of an archaeological nature was discovered. The building is eligible for the historical registry at either the state or federal level. He handed out the history of the property. (See attached).

Dan Bisson felt that the building was perfect for an office. He said he can put it out for bid. He believes it will be the first NH SAU to undertake such a project. He told the Board they can get grant money from NH State Aid up to 40% as well as apply for grant money at other organizations.

The Board said they would like to go ahead with the project. They asked if what money they available to begin. Jim Vezina said that they original \$127,000 is consumed, but there is still \$150,000 available.

Judy Trow moved to use the money from Article 10 to allow Team Design to look at the property so as to come forth with a proposal.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Dan Bisson said he will come to the next meeting with a proposal and a timeline.

Shaun Carroll and Brendan Minnihan said they had met with Burton, owner of the Blodgett Property. Shaun Carroll introduced Doug Monroe, Burton's nephew, to the Board. Shaun Carroll explained that the barn is now empty and that Burton will be out by next August.

The Board asked Sandra Willard of the Intertown Record to put the SAU #85 Open House in the Tuesday edition of the Intertown Record. It will be held at the new SAU on August 13, 2008 from 4:30-7 p.m. Judy Trow said it is posted around town, but she will also ask Jon Reed to put the date on the Sunapee website.

Manifest: Jim Vezina said the total manifest is \$147,605.06.

Kim Denney moved to approve the manifest as presented.

Hershel Strickland seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Policy: Hershel Strickland explained the policies, ILBAA, ILBA, IMBC, IK, and IKF, to the Board. Brendan Minnihan explained that three policies were new but they affected others, so two other policies were being changed as well.

Hershel Strickland moved to accept policies ILBAA, ILBA, IMBC, IK and IKF for first reading as presented to the Board.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

LGC Contract Approval: Brendan Minnihan asked the Board to turn to the LGC health/dental/worker's comp and property insurance contracts sent to them in their packets. He explained that there are three resolutions that need to be made at the Board meeting.

Hershel Strickland moved to approve the resolutions PLT2011, WCT2011 and Exhibit A "Certificate of Authorizing Resolution" as presented by Brendan Minnihan for the LGC Contracts.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Oil: Jim Vezina said he can lock the district in to an oil rate of \$3.75 a gallon with Irving if the Board approves. The Board decided they would like to wait and see if it gets any lower. Jim Vezina said he will keep in contact with Brendan Minnihan about the situation.

Lease Agreement:

The Board reviewed an agreement by Jim Vezina and another by Brendan Minnihan. The agreements were in reference to the lease of SAU #43 office building. The Board decided to sign the lease brought forth by Brendan Minnihan. (See attached).

Jim Vezina said that Newport Board Member, Mike Johnson, would sign the next day.

Shaun Carroll and Judy Trow both said they want to continue working with Newport in case busses break down or programs are created that would be good for all students.

Judy Trow moved to adopt the two page lease agreement stating SAU #85 will pay 50.01% of the SAU #43 office building lease and give the Chairman of the Board permission to sign off on the contract.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Agenda Next Meeting: Second reading of policies
Policy BEA
Charges
Debrief of Open House
Problem areas outside the high school

8:45 p.m. Kate Dunlap leaves for Board to go into non-public.

Respectfully Submitted By
Katherine Dunlap
Sunapee School Board