

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Nancy Ross in the School Board Room, Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH.

The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
 James Doggett
 Thomas Gasse
 Rebecca Hallisey
 Nancy Ross, Chairperson
 Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative

EXCUSED: Kurt Baitz
 Carol Coppola, Business Manager

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools
 Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

MINUTES

Mr. Doggett moved to approve the January 18, 2012 minutes, public and non-public, seconded by Ms. Bennett. The vote was 5-0-0.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #25 - \$300.00, #26 - \$1237.50, #27 - \$777,720.75 and Payroll 16 - \$725,976.61.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. High School Culture Report – Dr. Blake had the High School Administrators introduce themselves as well as two volunteers from the Southern New Hampshire Coalition for Youth and asked them to walk us through the overview of the Culture and Youth Risk Behavior surveys. Mr. Stack stated that this report is just the beginning of the collecting and analysis of the data and that more reports to the Board will be forthcoming. He presented a slide showing the last five years' data on discipline and had his two vice principals speak to these numbers. This report was followed by Culture data, the Youth Risk Behavior Executive Summary draft, the role of the Coalition and next steps. **Ms. Bennett** wondered what more the district could do when often school life and home life are two very different worlds. **Mr. Doggett** stated that he found the Youth Risk Behavior results to be shocking and frightening. Public comment by **Dick Gerrish** spoke to the national scourge of teen drug and alcohol use and the dearth of funding for preventive programs and quoted a past U.S. president who said that "good programs cost money". **Bart Noyes** said that he was concerned that they findings were without context, that they couldn't be considered credible until the entire community was surveyed and recommended doing this before an action plan was created. **Ms. Bennett** spoke to a survey that UNH created for the district in the past for other issues and recommended that they request for this survey. **Katherine Ulcickas** commented that the school does a good job of educating the youth about all these risk behaviors and consequences but since they are glorified on TV and other media, she doesn't know what more the school can do to make the behaviors stop, that this is really a community problem.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Set for 2nd meeting of month but Ms. Ross asked Ms. Ulcickas if many had signed up for the Polar Plunge school wide (yes).

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. PR Committee – Mr. Gasse reported that they met last Wednesday and wrapped up the Essential News so it can be mailed out this week. They look at a schedule of articles and topics for future editions and discussed helping the Seminary Committee get information out to the public. They'll meet again February 22 at 8 am.

b. Facilities – Dr. Blake reported that they were to meet with Harriman Co. last week concerning the work at Bakie and the Memorial School but Harriman had to reschedule. They discussed the potential purchase of a generator at Bakie and the fire suppression system and the Congregational Church's tie in to the system.

c. Seminary – Ms. Bennett and Ms. Coppola met to work on the presentation for the Deliberative Session and discussed the Presi software.

d. Policy – Ms. Bennett reported that they met on January 12 and reaffirmed several policies which she read out. They also deleted a policy regarding educational TV that seems irrelevant since the former cable provider is no longer active. They meet again on February 22 at 9 am.

e. Personnel – Mr. Doggett said that he met with Dr. Blake this evening to review a job description that will be brought before the Board in two weeks.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross offered her condolences to the family of Virginia Bartlett, and spoke of many wonderful qualities that described Sanborn's long time librarian who recently passed away. She also spoke to a great article recently published in the Carriage Towne News about the history of the Seminary – she added that there will be two more installments and that the articles are timely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston said he was deeply and profoundly disappointed that there was no community context for data in the Risk Behavior survey. He added that surveying the community would be hard and expensive but would be a necessary tool to determine an action plan. He feels that using the student survey as our only measurement will not be sufficient. He also asked the Policy Committee to review the cable contract before deleting it.

Cheryl Gannon of Kingston spoke to the quasi-public survey results (as in hearing that the results are shocking while not being able yet to view them) and asked when they will be published. She said that no information was given on how to contact the Coalition for those who want to volunteer and asked that it be put on the website and announced tonight.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Doggett said he agreed with one of the public speakers regarding the context of the survey and suggested that we educate parents and community members as well as students about high risk behaviors adding that an action plan might be different with community supplied results. He also informed everyone about the recent passing of long time Sanborn transportation coordinator Jan Lynn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Signage – Judy Rubin of the Kingston Historical Society handed out a draft of what will be put on the two signs marking the former sites of Colcord Hall and Gilmore Cottage on the Seminary campus. Ms. Rubin gave a total cost of \$290 for the signage. She passed around a sample of the composite material for the signage. There was discussion on how long the signs will last in the weather. Mr. Doggett volunteered to create black and white digital copies to reduce fading and will bring them to the next Board meeting.

b. Outing Club – Dr. Blake directed the Board to the field trip request form from the Outing Club for a trip to Richie Smith Cabin at N. Woodstock NH on February 11-12. Mr. Doggett moved to approve the outing, Ms. Bennett seconded. Mr. Doggett asked that the Club present a report to the Board after the trip. The vote was 5-0-0.

c. Acknowledgement Awards – will be discussed in non-public session.

d. Policies – Dr. Blake asked for a motion to move the reaffirmation of policies KC, KCB, KDB, KDB-R, KDCA, KF, KF-E, and KF-R. Mr. Doggett motioned, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 5-0-0. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve for First Reading KEB, KA, KB, KB-R. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 5-0-0. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve GCCAD (Military Leave) for second reading and asked for the word “annual” to be taken out of the sentence “during the time of his/her annual duty” in paragraph four under Statement of Policy. Ms. Ross seconded and the vote was 5-0-0. The deleted policies on the document dated February 1, 2012 required no vote.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT

None

WRITTEN INFORMATION

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Deliberative Session

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Gannon of Kingston spoke again to the troubling results discussed in the youth risk survey and asked if these results have an impact on Sanborn’s goal to achieve top 10% status among NH schools. She wondered how these results compare to those of the top 10% schools.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Doggett replied to a public speaker saying that once the School Board receives a document, it can be viewed at the SAU office even if it hasn’t been released to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. The **Filing Period** for positions on the Sanborn Regional School Board, the Sanborn Regional Budget Committee and the District Moderator opened on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012** at 8:00 am and will end on **Friday, February 3, 2012**, at 5:00 pm. The School District Clerk will be available on the last day to file from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

- c. The **First (Deliberative) Session** of the Annual School District Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School Auditorium, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- d. The **Second (Voting) Session of the Annual School District Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Swasey Gymnasium (Sanborn Seminary Campus) for Kingston voters and in the Newton Town Hall for Newton voters.
- e. The next **Public Relations Committee** Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012** at 8:00 am at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.
- f. The next **Policy Committee** Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012** at 9:00 am at the SAU Office, 178 Main Street, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIc – Personnel

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 8:41 pm. Ms. Sargeant polled the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Therese Sargeant
School Board Secretary

Minutes of school board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the school board