

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 4, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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
 Cheryl Gannon
 Rebecca Hallisey
 Wendy Miller
 Dustin Ramey
 Nancy Ross, Chairperson

EXCUSED: Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools
 Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services
 Carol Coppola, Business Manager

REVIEW AGENDA

Move a. HS Field Trip - Ecuador from New Business to b. under Administrative Reports. Non-Public will follow Administrative Reports.

MINUTES

Mr. Doggett moved to approve the March 21, 2012 minutes, public and non-public, seconded by Ms. Bennett. The vote was 7-0-0 to approve.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #34 – 898,124.96 and Payroll 20 - \$730,737.69.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Ice Hockey – Ms. Coppola said she met with Vicki Parady-Guay and they decided that Sanborn could establish an ice hockey program and have the accounting run through the SAU but they would need for the School Board to address a policy for pay-to-play. She asked that a vote be deferred until she meets again with Dr. Blake and the AD and that it be put back on the agenda for the next School Board meeting. The Board agreed. Mr. Doggett added that it makes sense to defer for now.

b. HS Field Trip – Ecuador – Dr. Blake turned the time over to Karen Ladd and Kristen Achilich of the Outing Club to describe the educational adventure trip tentatively scheduled for spring break of 2013. They took questions from the Board concerning safety, costs, chaperone, physically preparing for the trip, equipment, age of students attending and fundraising. Ms. Bennett motioned to approve the trip, seconded by Ms. Gannon and the vote was 7-0-0. The Board asked for follow-up on a couple questions and an after trip report.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:37 pm the Board entered into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 IIa & c – personnel and legal. They returned to public session at 8:47 pm

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross reiterated professionalism and confidentiality from all Board members as they go out into the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston spoke to an article in the Eagle Tribune on standardized test scores and said that while appearances aren't everything, Sanborn was presented in a positive light and fared well in the rankings. He then spoke to the pink slime issue that has been in the media and wondered why no one seemed to know about it and what might also be in other food products. He added that it was a non-food substance meant to increase the density of the product to increase profit while adding no food or nutrition. He asked the SAU to know what is in our food.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon said that she had heard recently that New Hampshire is petitioning the Federal Government to opt out of No Child Left Behind. **Dr. Blake** replied that NH is working on what a waiver of requirements of NCLB might look like and that the discussion is still ongoing. He then drew the Board's attention to the Magna Award publication that included an award (one of 25 nationwide) to the Sanborn school district for the Freshmen Learning Academy. He said there will soon be a press release to let the community know about it. **Ms. Ross** welcomed the new cameraman David and he briefed the Board on his summer filming schedule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Congregational Church Agreement – Ms. Coppola went over the written agreement for the water system to be shared that was revised and reviewed by the school district attorney for the District, Town of Kingston, and the First Congregational Church. She will present it to the town and church after Board approval. Mr. Doggett moved to authorize Ms. Coppola to send copies of the agreement to the two other parties for potential signature. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

b. MS-22 – Ms. Coppola explained that the report is required by the Department of Revenue and requested the signature of Board members. She passed it around for reviewing and signing.

c. Tuition Rates – Ms. Coppola went over the rates and said they are calculated per policy JFAB based on the formula used by the Dept. of Education. She answered some questions about the differences in rates between the district schools. Mr. Doggett moved to adopt the document dated March 26, 2012, seconded by Ms. Bennett and the vote was 7-0-0.

d. Food Service Management Contract – Ms. Coppola explained that a five year contract proposal was sent out for bid to interested parties, that three firms attended a meeting about the contract and that only one, our current food service provider, Café Services, provided a bid by the due date. She said that the district has been very happy with their services. She recommended accepting their bid of \$596,549.00, a 2% increase over the current contract. Mr. Doggett motioned to accept the proposal from Café Services and award them a 5-year contract. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

e. Committee Assignments – Ms. Ross read out the committee assignments for each of the Board members.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

e. Policies – Dr. Blake reported that he spoke with legal counsel concerning policy KFA. Ms. Bennett motioned to approve EBBD and KFA for Second reading/Revision. Ms. Gannon questioned keeping the phrase “by telephone only” in KFA and asked if “telephone or electronically only” might be more up-to-date. Her suggestion was made a friendly amendment to the motion. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 6-1 (Doggett)-0.

Mr. Doggett motioned to approve GCLA for Second Reading/Revise. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

Mr. Doggett motioned to approve for Second Reading/New: GBJA, GBHA-R, IGE, IMGA, KCD, KCD-R, KED, Ms. Bennett second and the vote was 7-0-0.

f. School Property Disposal – Dr. Blake announced that the district has a number of old-fashioned overhead projectors. He referred to and read from policy DN regarding property disposal. He then said that there are some schools in Manchester NH in desperate need of some projectors and asked the Board to approve the donation of said projectors to these schools. Mr. Doggett asked that 2 of the newer ones be kept in the district. Ms. Gannon asked if the district had considered any other schools to donate them to. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the donation of all projectors but the 2 newer ones to the Manchester schools in need, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

g. Nominations – Mr. Doggett motioned the approval of shared district wide professional staff, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

Mr. Doggett motioned the approval of professional staff at the Bakie School, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

Mr. Doggett motioned the approval of professional staff at the High School, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 5-0-2 (Hallisey, Miller - abstained).

Mr. Doggett motioned the approval of professional staff at the Middle School, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 6-0-1 (Gannon –abstained).

Mr. Doggett motioned to approve professional staff at the Memorial School, Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

h. Resignations – Mr. Doggett motioned for the approval of the resignations (resignations only, not per terms of their letters) of Carrie Conway from the Memorial School and Patricia DaSilva from the Bakie School. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 7-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT

NHSB Orientation – Dr. Blake gave the dates for three upcoming May events including where they will be held.

WRITTEN INFORMATION

Dr. Blake distributed Sanborn Regional School District leadership team biographies to all Board members for their perusal.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Ice Hockey

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston congratulated the district for the Magna Award. He commented on last month’s 80+ outdoor temperatures and added that southern NH hasn’t had this low measure of precipitation for the months of January-March since 1886. He expressed concern for record low river levels and how this might impact public drinking and wild life. He asked how the district would handle climate change in curriculum and deliberation. Mr. Noyes then spoke to the cost of higher education and the enormous debt load in student loans for NH and nationwide. He said this issue demands a considerable amount of thought and attention.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon asked Dr. Blake that new Board members get a copy of Mary Cyr's letter to the SAU. She also asked when mentors would be assigned to new members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, April 18, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. The next **Budget Committee** meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 19, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

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

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:48 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