

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by Chairperson 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 Nancy Ross, Chairperson Dustin Ramey Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative
ADMINISTRATORS:	Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services Carol Coppola, Business Manager
EXCUSED:	Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 16th and May 23rd were reviewed. Mr. Doggett noted two (2) corrections: The minutes of the May 16th meeting stated that motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of a 3.5% increase for the administrative team was unanimous – all in favor - when it was actually one (1) against. The minutes of the May 23rd meeting stated that all were in favor of the recommendation to increase the Superintendent's salary 3.5%. The vote was actually two (2) against. Jim Doggett made a motion to approve the minutes after the corrections and Ms. Bennett seconded.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #41 - \$366,340.45; and Payroll #25 - \$796,234.76.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. VanderEls, Memorial School Principal, introduced Ms. Jennifer Manning who did a presentation on the Memorial School Intervention Block pilot study. Ms. Manning gave a quick review of the 18 students in the program: 18 of the students were identified as having risk in one or more of the three assessed areas; two (2) of the at-risk are currently on Individual

Education Plans; five (5) of the 18 identified had not participated in any preschool experience. Thirteen students were chosen to participate in the intervention block. Ms. Manning then introduced Donna Johnson, Memorial School Asst. Principal who gave a brief presentation on the successes of the program, citing the NWEA test results. Ms. Manning then went over the DIBEL/Pinnell Scores. Mr. Doggett asked if all students were aligned – Ms. Manning stated yes. Ms. Manning then went over student writing samples and the difference made from the fall to the spring. She also reviewed the Response to Reading. Ms. Manning then showed the differences in the Intervention Program and the ½ day kindergarten student.

Ms. Manning reviewed handwriting samples. She shared a story about a student ordering an ice cream on his own that was shared to her by the student's mother. Something that the child would not have done before the Intervention Program.

Mr. VanderEls then went over the end of year kindergarten data, and Ms. Johnson went over next year's program. Mr. VanderEls showed a video taken in September 2011 and then one taken in May 2012 to show the progress the children made. Ms. Bennett thanked everyone involved in the Intervention Block and commended their work. This is "thrilling". "We now have a clearer understanding of the program. Ms. Gannon asked what is the adult to student ratio - Ms. Manning responded that it varies depending on speech and OT services that are being provided. Ms. Gannon asked if any students were not receiving services due to specialists spending time in the Intervention Program. Ms. Manning replied "no". Ms. Gannon asked how long is an intervention block? Ms. Johnson replied that it was the entire afternoon session of kindergarten. Ms. Gannon asked if there were any plans to follow the students once they go to first grade and Mr. VanderEls replied "yes". Ms. Ross said she was pleased with the progress of the program. "It is a program for success.". The program instills *Lifelong Learning*. Ms. Ross stated the program is "terrific" and said the presentation was great.

Ms. Deb Bamforth, Bakie School Principal, then made a presentation on her China Trip. Mr. Doggett asked if students don't pass the academic tests in China do they learn a trade? Ms. Bamforth responded yes, they learn a trade. Ms. Gannon asked Ms. Bamforth if she saw a lot of technology in the schools. She responded they use similar technology. Ms. Gannon asked about special needs/education. Ms. Bamforth replied there is no special education – the students are not educated. Ms. Ross asked if the students wore uniforms – yes. Ms. Hallisey asked about discipline. Ms. Bamforth replied that it is a cultural expectation that the students behave themselves in school. Ms. Ross asked about transportation to the schools; Ms. Bamforth replied it is up to the parents to get their children to school. Ms. Ross said it sounded like a wonderful trip and thanked Ms. Bamforth for sharing.

Ms. Ross thanked Katherine Ulcickas (Student Council Representative on the School Board) for her time on the School Board. Ms. Ulcickas introduced Molly _____, the new Student Council Representative. Ms. Ulcickas said she really enjoyed her time on the School Board and thinks they do a "great job".

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Ross reported that the Facilities Committee meeting was held prior to the School Board Meeting and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Bennett reported that a presentation was being prepared by the Negotiations Committee and asked the School Board members to prepare questions for the next School Board meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross stated that this is her favorite time of year. She had recently attended the high school Top 10% banquet, the sports banquet. She noticed that a lot of the same students were at the Top 10% banquet and the sports banquet. She said there is a lot of participation with the students – that students are well rounded –sports and academics. Ms. Ross stated that this was the best graduation she had ever attended (including those of her three children). She stated every student got a “hoot and a holler” She commended high school Principal, Mr. Brian Stack for doing such a great job. She made note that 100% of the students expected to graduate, graduated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amy Grant of Kingston talked about extending the current half-day kindergarten to a full day. Ms. Grant handed out a fact sheet about the success of full-day kindergarten and asked the School Board to consider full day kindergarten. Ms. Jackie Karp of Kingston, a parent of a kindergarten student stated she feels it would be beneficial for all students to have kindergarten a full day program.

Mr. Bart Noyes of Kingston thanked Ms. Ulcickas for her term on the School Board. He complimented her on a job well done. He addressed the request for full day kindergarten and said he is in support of a full day

Mr. Roger Clark of Kingston requested that the School Board change the deliberative session to Saturday morning so more people can attend.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Doggett said he received so much positive reaction to Mr. Stack's opening remarks at graduation. Mr. Doggett asked what percent of the District students go to kindergarten in the District. No one had the statistics for the amount of students that go to kindergarten. Ms. Bamforth said she wished that all the students go to SRSD kindergarten. Ms. Bennett thanked Mr. Stack and Mr. Kelly for organizing the Community Day of Caring. She also thanked them for the students who worked at her house on the Day of Caring.

Ms. Gannon thanked Ms. LeBlanc for the dates and numbers on the School Board packets. Ms. Gannon stated that she had attended the high school graduation and it was very enjoyable. She enjoyed the slides that were shown, said it was very nice photography. Ms. Gannon

thanked Mr. Stack for the statistics on the amount of students going on to technical school and colleges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Overnight Field Trip: Mr. Stack made a presentation on the overnight field trip to France during April vacation 2013. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the trip; Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.
- B. Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Morton both of Kingston made a presentation on the Touchdown Club High School Press Box. The Touchdown Club requested the School Board approve \$5,200 to the Touchdown Club to make up for money the Club needed to complete the Press Box. Lawton Welding has donated the steel and labor to erect the Press Box. The booth will not be used only for football. The booth will serve the track team and softball team. It will be a multi-sport facility. Mr. Doggett asked if the facility would be handicap accessible. The answer was no. Ms. Coppola stated that it need not be handicap accessible if the press box is less than 600 sq. ft. Mr. Doggett stated he couldn't support the request for the press box as the School Board had denied making a \$5,000.00 loan to the Bakie School to complete the outdoor classroom. Mr. Morton stated they had secured all but \$5,000.00 in funding for a \$70,000.00 project. Ms. Ross asked if the School Board had the funds to support both the Press Box and the Outdoor Classroom and still give money back to the taxpayers. Ms. Coppola replied yes. Ms. Gannon asked that the costs be clarified of what/how much the Touchdown Club is asking for and when the booth would be ready. Mr. Clarkson stated they were hoping the booth would be ready for final inspection on August 8, 2012, in time for the 2012/2013 season. Ms. Ross asked the Touchdown Club for a full accounting when the project is completed. Mr. Doggett stated the School Board has spent over \$500,000.00 on unbudgeted items and that the School Board has to stop spending taxpayer money. Mr. Doggett stated he could not support the Press Box.
 Ms. Hallisey suggested they table the Press Box until next week's meeting. Mr. Clarkson said he would like a commitment one way or another so people can begin working on the Press Box. Ms. Parady-Guay, SRSD Athletic Director, spoke about the Press Box being planned for years and asked how the logistics could be worked out seeing as 90% of the costs related to the Press Box were being donated. This is an opportunity that will benefit many people. Ms. Hallisey said she appreciates all the hard work and community donations going towards both the press box and the outdoor classroom. Ms. Gannon asked if there would be additional equipment/expenses after the construction of the Press Box. Mr. Clarkson said there would be no additional expenses. Ms. Bennett made a motion to provide the \$5,200.00 to the Touchdown Club. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Doggett was opposed Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Bennett made a motion to approve the remaining \$5,300.00 to fund the outdoor classroom. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Doggett opposed. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Bennett asked that both the Touchdown Club and the Outdoor Classroom provide a list of donations and participants.

14c. Fall Coaches Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the coaching nominations. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. Mr. Dogget amended the motion to remove Troy Burrell for the high school Asst. Football coach, Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor.

14d. Drivers' Education Ms. Coppola gave a presentation on the Drivers' Education Program. Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the contract; Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

14e. Truck Lease Ms. Coppola gave a presentation on the Truck Lease Agreement. Ms. Bennett made a motion to approve the contract; Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. Ms. Hallisey asked if we hire anyone to plow the school facilities. Ms. Coppola responded no. The new truck will be used to plow. Ms. Miller asked if we own the vehicle after three years. Ms. Coppola replied yes. Mr. Doggett reminded the School Board that money spent on this truck is money that was originally going back to the taxpayers. Ms. Coppola informed the School Board that the District saved \$225,000.00 this school year on utility costs. Ms. Gannon stated with the \$225,000.00 savings that she supports the truck lease. Mr. Doggett stated he is opposed to the truck lease. A motion was made by Ms. Bennett to approve the truck lease; and seconded by Ms. Hallisey. Motion passed 6-1 (Mr Doggett opposed).

14f. Resignations. Mr. Doggett asked if all resignations were made by staff who had received a contract. Ms. Coppola responded yes. Ms. Hallisey asked how many years teachers have been employed with the schools. The School Principal answered individually. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the resignations; Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. All in favor.

14g. Nominations The nominations were voted on by individual schools. Mr. Doggett motioned to accept the nominations at the Memorial School. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor (Ms. Ross abstained).

Mr. Doggett motioned to accept the nominations at the Bakie School. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Dogget motioned to accept the nominations at the Middle School. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Doggett motioned to accept the nominations at the High School. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

14h. Policies Ms. Bennett made a motion to accept the policies as presented with no changes. Mr. Doggett seconded the motion. All in favor of second reading.

15. Communications. Ms. Ross shared a letter written by a former student with a check for \$25.00 for beakers he had taken from the school as a youngster.

16 Written Information: None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

--Negotiations

--Modules

--Authority for Superintendent to hire over the summer

--Graduation Statistics

--Data on resignations.

The first half of the meeting will be a regular school board meeting. The second half of the meeting will be a work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Noyes of Kingston spoke about SB373 going before the Governor with no contingency. Mr. Noyes asked that this be put on a future School Board agenda. Mr. Clark of Kingston stated that most senior citizens are concerned about the continued costs of heating the Seminary. He suggested that the water supply be shut off so the District doesn't have to continue to heat the building. Ms. Ross stated she didn't think it was "that easy".

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT Mr. Doggett asked if the School Board Members could get the Manifest on Tuesdays before the Wednesday School Board Meeting. He stated that the School Board Members all work and there is not enough time to review the manifest. Mr. Doggett said he did not receive the manifest information until approximately 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting and he did not sign one of the manifests. Ms. Coppola explained the logistics of why the manifest can't be ready on Tuesdays. This would be a significant change in the schedule. Manifest items are due in the SAU by 10:00 on Mondays. Ms. Ross stated she would speak to Dr. Blake and Ms. Coppola about changing when the manifest is received by the School Board.

Ms. Gannon said she was concerned about the the staff turn over – why are we losing teachers? She also requested that if the School Board sub-committees are meeting before the regular School Board Meeting that those meetings wrap-up by 7:00 PM. Ms. Ross apologized – and said the Facilities Committee Meeting did end before 7:00 PM. The door to the School Board room was open; she didn't realize people thought the Facilities Committee meeting was still going on. It will be made clear in the future that the meetings are over, and people may enter the School Board room at 7:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular/worksession of the Sanborn Regional School District will be held Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at 6:00 PM at the Sanborn Regional High School (Room 100), 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. The next regular meeting of the Negotiations Committee will be held at 4:30 PM on June 20, 2012, at the Sanborn Regional High School (Room 100), 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- c. The next regular meeting of the Public Relations Committee **TBD**.

Mr. Doggett motioned to adjourn the School Board meeting at 10:38 PM; Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School District Clerk

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