

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 22, 2013

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday May 22, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by School Board Chairperson Ms. Jan Bennett, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett, Chairperson
 Rebecca Hallisey, Vice Chairperson
 Renee King
 Jon LeBlanc
 Wendy Miller.
 Dustin Ramey
 Nancy Ross
 Molly Statezni, Student Council Representative

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools

Excused: Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services
 Carol Coppola, Business Manager

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 8, 2013 (public and non-public) were reviewed. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the minutes of both the public and non-public meetings and Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. On page 3, under School Board Committee Reports, it should read "Ms". Ross.

Mr. Baitz sent an email to Dr. Blake requesting that his public comment read: **Delete "You need to continue to fight for something you want." It should read: This isn't public kindergarten or a new high school. I don't think this is worth the fight. It's already May, time is important.** All in favor to accept the SB minutes with corrections.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #27 - \$275,984.41; Payroll #24 - \$806,214.73.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Blake stated that tonight “is all about the kids”. Tonight there will be three presentations by students and teachers who attended the following field trips during April 2013 vacation.

- A. France Field Trip presentation by Ms. Dee Hambucken and students: Ms. Hambucken thanked the SB for allowing the trip. Ms. Hambucken and the students shared a power point presentation of their pictures of the trip. The students shared their experiences. Some of the adjectives to describe their trip: **Really Neat. Really Cool. So happy I went. Definitely worth it . Saw and learned so much. Incredible experience.** The students and Ms. Hambucken thanked the SB for allowing the trip.
- B. Poland Field Trip (out of sequence) presentation by Mr. Evan Czynowski and students. Mr. Czynowski thanked the SB for allowing the trip and began the power point presentation by explaining the trip concentrated on the history of World War II. The students visited five countries. Some of the highlights included visits to the Berlin Wall, Berlin Radio Tower, the National Museum, Nazi Air Force HQ, Check Point Charlie. In the Czech Republic stops included Prague Castle, Tyn Church, St. Vitus Cathedral, St. Charles Bridge. In Poland the students went on to see the Auschwitz Gate, Birkenau, the Jewish Memorial, the Jewish Ghetto, A University, Schindler’s Factory, Wawel Castle and St. Mary’s Church. In Hungary, the students went to Budapest, Hero’s Square, a gothic style castle, the Citadel and Matthias Church. Student’s reactions included: **Loved it. Prague is one of the most beautiful places. One student stated they had a lot of family history and they wanted to learn about the history. Auschwitz was emotional.**
- C. Ecuador Field Trip presentation by Ms. Karen Ladd and students. Ms. Ladd explained that the trip was organized by the students. Students needed to budget their money for the week. The money needed to cover hotels, meals, sightseeing. Ms. Ladd described it as **an adventure, an experience of a lifetime.** Each day there was a different student leader chosen who was responsible for the day’s events. Students visited the jungle and the rainforest. They went white water rafting. Students visited/volunteered at a special needs school where they helped in the classroom. They participated in games and trust exercises. The students described seeing the sunrise over the Andes **beautiful, breathtaking.** Dr. Blake asked the students about their overall experience. **They learned a lot about the culture; learned a lot about themselves. They learned about budgeting, leadership.** The students and Ms. Ladd thanked the SB for allowing the trip.

Ms. Bennett thanked all the presenters/students. “Fabulous”.

New Business: High School Field Trip to England April 2014 (out of sequence)

Ms. Mary Magnusson and Mr. Evan Czynowski presented a field trip request to England for April 2014. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the April 18-27, 2014 field trip to England as presented to the SB. Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor to approve the April 18-27, 2014 field trip to England.

NEASC Core Values and Beliefs Mr. Stack began the presentation by stating the HS would be receiving a reaccreditation visit in 2016 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Three students: Brian Butler, Jess Wood and Alex Melanson continued the presentation. A Steering Committee was formed to oversee the process in 2012-2013. The Committee developed a Core Values Statement; a Beliefs Statement; and 21st Century Learning Expectations (and a revised rubric). It was explained that the document, **Sanborn Regional High School Core Values**, would become a driving force for preparation of the 2016 NEASC visit. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the Sanborn Regional High School Core Values document as presented. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the Sanborn Regional High School Core Values document as presented.

During the presentation of the Core Values document, Brian Butler stated he would not be at Sanborn his senior year (he is currently a junior) to see the project through. When asked by a SB member where he would be, he told the SB that he had been selected to receive a Davis Scholarship to attend UWC (United World College). The SB congratulated Mr. Butler on receiving such an outstanding award.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT (out of sequence)

Molly reported that the Student Council is working on their last fundraiser for the year – a plant sale to be held May 31st from 3-6 PM. All proceeds will benefit a homeless shelter. Molly reported that members of the Student Council will be attending the Statewide Student Council elections at the State House. SRHS will be holding their Student Council elections next week.

Molly reported that the senior trip was “fun, wicked nice. The aquarium was wicked cool.”

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS none

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Ms. Bennett reported that she had attended the Top 10% Recognition Dinner at the HS. “Stunning, wonderful”. She stated Mr. Stack acknowledged the students in his personal role as a father.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross acknowledged the student presentations this evening. "Over the top". She stated it's wonderful to see what the students learned. She stated she is pleased to offer these trips to the students (as a SB member). Ms. Ross stated she attended the Top 10% Dinner recognizing outstanding academics, sports, student government. "The students are outstanding." "Articulate, poised, smart, sweet, tremendous role models". Some of the fields the students will be going into in college include: education, finance, the medical field. "The opportunities are wonderful." She stated she is pleased to see that Sanborn is providing the tools that students need to be successful.

Ms. Ross commented on last week's work session. She stated it was an extremely positive evening.

Mr. Ramey attended the Top 10% Dinner. He stated it was great to see the Sanborn Pride.

Ms. Hallisey attended the Stand By Me program held at Camp Lincoln, sponsored by D.A.D. Stand by Me is a one day program at Camp Lincoln where students from Bakie & Memorial get an opportunity to meet one another before MS. There are team building exercises. Ms. Hallisey stated that D.A.D. does a lot for the community and that they are not always recognized. She stated there is a great partnership between D.A.D. and the YMCA.

NEW BUSINESS/NOMINATIONS (out of sequence)

Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the nominations of the following teachers as presented on the May 22, 2013 document. Sarah (Roesener) Kaufman (Memorial Special Ed), Melissa Pekalsky and Joanne Hamor (Bakie Special Ed). Ms. Hallisey seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the nominations per the May 22, 2013 document.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS none

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT none

WRITTEN INFORMATION none

AGENDA ITEMS

When Ms. Bennett requested agenda items for the next SB meeting, Ms. King asked that report cards be reviewed concerning comments (or lack of) for the students.

Ms. King also asked if it was time to start charging an activity fee for extracurricular activities. After some discussion, it was agreed that it will be discussed at the next meeting. Some of the

questions asked were: how would a fee be implemented? Do sports pay more than drama? Is it a one-time flat fee? How about parents with more than one child? Will there be a cap?

PUBLIC COMMENT none

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on Wednesday, **June 5, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School**, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School District Personnel Committee** will be held on Wednesday, **June 5, 2013, at 6:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School**, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

Non-Public Session- RSA 91A:3 II d. Tuition Agreements

Mr. Ramey motioned to enter into non-public session at 10:10 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

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