

**SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**April 2, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday April 2, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Ms. Janice Bennett, Chair, in room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:           Janice Bennett, Chair  
  Corey Masson  
  John Morano  
  Dustin Ramey, Vice Chair  
  Nancy Ross  
  Nathan Mailloux, Student Council Representative

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

EXCUSED:                             Jon LeBlanc  
  Wendy Miller

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

**MINUTES**

Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the March 19, 2014, meeting minutes. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor.

**MANIFEST**

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #24- \$876,591.25; Payroll #20 - \$843,059.58.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Blake had the Leadership Team introduce themselves and their assistants. Each building principal gave an overview of their school and school day. Mr. Jon VanderEls, Memorial School Principal, and Ms. Deb Bamforth, Bakie School Principal, began the introductions. Mr. VanderEls and Ms. Bamforth spoke of the Sanborn philosophy – Learning for all in a Community of Caring. They spoke of the Responsive Classroom and the daily morning meeting. They spoke of the high caliber teaching staff and how fortunate SRSD was to have these people. Mr. VanderEls and Ms. Bamforth stated how closely they work together on an almost daily basis

and how *Learning for All* drives the staff. Also in attendance were Ms. Donna Johnson, Memorial School Asst. Principal and Ms. Annie Rutherford, Bakie School Asst. Principal. Next, Mr. Sandy Rutherford and Mr. Michael Shore, MS Principal and Assistant Principal introduced themselves. They spoke of the MS Advisory Period and the “phenomenal” staff. Mr. Brian Stack, HS Principal, introduced Mr. Michael Turmelle, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director; Ms. Michelle Catena, Guidance Director; and Ms. Ann Hadwen, Assistant Principal. Mr. Stack gave an overview of the school and the daily routine. He spoke of the learning community and the climate and culture within the SRHS.

Next, Ms. Ellen Hume-Howard, SRSD Curriculum Director, and Michael Turmelle, SRHS Asst. Principal/Curriculum Director spoke of the Common Core, Smarter Balanced Assessment and the Common Core Transition Plan. Bob Ficker, Technology Director, gave an overview of the technology department and the technology department’s mission to see that all students are getting technology. He spoke of restructuring the infrastructure on thin clients.

Ms. Jennifer Pomykato, Director Student Services gave an overview of Student Services and what they do/provide. She spoke of the special education services and programs. She spoke of the District’s responsibilities in regards to homeless students. Mr. Steve Riley, Director of Facilities, had to leave the meeting before he was able to present. Ms. Coppola, Business Administrator, gave an overview of Mr. Riley’s responsibilities. Mr. Riley manages five campuses, the grounds and fields for the District. Ms. Coppola reported on the energy conversation efforts that she and Mr. Riley have worked on over the years. She stated that Mr. Riley is one of the most dedicated employees she has ever met.

Ms. Ross commented on the “phenomenal team” and thanked everyone for their presentations.

At 8:20 PM, Ms. Bennett adjourned for a break. The meeting resumed at 8:36 PM.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Nate reported on the Student Council sponsored motivational speaker A’ric Jackson. Dr. Blake asked Nate to report on the recent State Drama Festival in Gilford, NH. Nate reported that Sanborn placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition. Dr. Blake attended the festival. “It was phenomenal”. “Our kids did an incredible job.” Ms. Bennett thanked all the parents who provided transportation and a place for the kids to stay.

### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS** none

### **SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S**

Ms. Bennett congratulated the drama club. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve

on the SRSD Board as Chair. She thanked the leadership team and the Superintendent “who allows the team to do their job”.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bart Noyes welcomed the new SB members and this year’s SB Chair, Ms. Bennett. Mr. Noyes stated that March 11 (election day) was a sad day for him. He was disappointed that the SRSD Budget did not pass with the voters - “shouldn’t have happened”. He spoke of the low voter turn-out in Kingston. He stated it was an embarrassment. “The polls opened, no one was there.” Mr. Noyes asked that the SB consider engaging people in the community to get the word out. He stated that the District “had a good product”. Ms. Gannon spoke of the proposed budget and the fact that it eliminated all new requests. She asked how Pinnacle – the grading system – was going to be addressed. Ms. Gannon complimented the leadership team presentations and how the District is now unified. She stated tonight’s presentation was impressive and how well the staff and teachers work together. “The District has come a long way”. Ms. Gannon recently attended the Seminary Ad-hoc Committee meeting. She stated they were a hard working committee and that it is critical to get the information out to the community.

### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Ramey reported that he recently spoke with Kingston Police Chief Briggs. Chief Briggs wanted to thank Bob Ficker (Technology Director) and his team for helping the Police Department with their technology.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** none

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Committee Assignments: Committee assignments were given out. Corey Masson volunteered to be on the Seacoast of Technology Committee which hadn’t been filled before tonight.

Tuition Rate: Ms. Coppola explained that in April of every year (in accordance with School Board policy) the tuition rate is set. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Adopted Budget Calculated rate as stated in a memo dated March 27, 2014, written by Carol Coppola, Business Administrator. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT**

A letter dated April 9, 2004, along with the Sanborn School District Tuition Agreement for Fremont School District was distributed. Part of the package also included the March 9, 2004, Annual School District Meeting Second Session Voting results.

**WRITTEN INFORMATION**

Ms. Bennett reported that she would be meeting with representatives of the Charter School on Friday to discuss their Lease Agreement with the District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Noyes spoke of the Tuition Agreement with Fremont. He asked the SB members to look closely at the agreement. He stated that some of the articles in the agreement have not been met. He asked that the SB members be open minded. Mr. Noyes spoke of enrollment and how enrollment peaked at Sanborn 16 years ago (does not include Fremont students). Mr. Noyes commented on the wonderful presentations made tonight. He asked the SB to consider getting fixed cameras in the SB room so that the presenters do not have their backs to the camera (so voters can see them).

**School Board Comment** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **joint meeting of the Sanborn Regional/Fremont School Board will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 6:00 PM, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 7:00 PM, Room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

Ms. Ross motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:15 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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