

**SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**March 4, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday March 4, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:14 PM by Ms. Janice Bennett, Chair, in the Library at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:           Janice Bennett, Chair  
  Jon LeBlanc  
  Corey Masson  
  Wendy Miller  
  Dustin Ramey, Vice Chair  
  Nancy Ross

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

EXCUSED:                               Isabella Dunham, Student Council Representative

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

**MINUTES**

Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the February 18, 2015, public and non-public meeting minutes. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the February 18, 2015, public and non-public meeting minutes.

**MANIFEST**

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #18 -\$600.00; Accounts Payable #19 - \$1,160,275.81; Payroll #18 - \$769,344.02.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**a. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Move** Dr. Blake gave a presentation on the status of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade move from the Middle School to the High School. Dr. Blake reported that it had been a very busy two weeks preparing/moving to the High School. A meeting was held for parents/community the Friday

before February vacation (2/20/15). All parents and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were invited to attend the informational meeting. Dr. Blake reported a “fantastic turn-out”. Several SB members were present as well. An overview was given, new classroom space discussed, and student’s schedules and transportation were discussed. The HS Student Council was on-hand. They welcomed the students and gave a tour of the high school. 8<sup>th</sup> graders were shown where the 8th grade wing is located, the classrooms, the cafeteria, the library and bathrooms. Dr. Blake reported the meeting went very well and was well received. Dr. Blake reported that it was a busy vacation week for all SRSD staff. Teachers that were affected by the move came in on Tuesday and Wednesday during the vacation week to move into their new classrooms. A moving company was hired to move supplies and materials. Ms. Coppola reported that Sterling Movers were hired to perform the move. The District has had great success with them in the past. There were “fire watchers” on duty while the move was taking place. Teachers tagged items to be moved or to go into storage. The mods at the MS, which are heated, are being used for storage. Anything not being moved to the HS will be stored.

Dr. Blake reported that on Monday morning (3/2/15) 8<sup>th</sup> graders took their regular buses to the MS where they met in the cafeteria. An overview of what the day would be like was given to students. Students received their schedules and were told what would happen once they got off the buses at the HS. Once at the HS, the students were welcomed by staff, and safety procedures were reviewed. Dr. Blake reported the day went extremely well and that he received good feedback from students and staff. He said that students are pretty well settled. A few details are still being worked out – two buses are overcrowded. The HS is currently between sports seasons, so it is not known how many students will be riding the buses every day. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are using the “gang” bathroom on the first floor. Dr. Blake reported that an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student came up to him and said it smelled like smoke in the bathroom. Dr. Blake investigated and reported it did smell like smoke. Dr. Blake reported it to the appropriate personnel. Dr. Blake said he is not sure what the next step will be in regards to housing the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The District is awaiting engineering reports. Dr. Blake said that he received word from the insurance company that the District is covered by Primex.

Ms. Coppola said she received the final engineering report today (3/4/15). At this point, a contractor needs to be brought in. The challenge is that the contractor the District normally would call for a job of this scope is the same contractor who built the school.

Dr. Blake asked if there were any questions. Mr. Masson stated that when he was reviewing the manifest he noticed a payment for snow and ice removal. He asked what the anticipated expense was. Ms. Coppola responded between \$100,000.00 and \$110,000.00 for all snow removal.

## **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADHOC:** Mr. Ramey reported that the ADHOC Committee had met. He said that a real estate consultant along with an engineer had submitted a proposal to the District. It was suggested that the District contact Plan NH for ideas. The Charrette Program was also a suggestion. The Town of Kingston would complete the application for this program.

## **SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT**

Ms. Bennett said she was astounded at the amount of work performed by the whole Sanborn Community – from the custodians, to the administration, to the Town Officials of both towns. She stated it “almost went too smoothly”. She stated it is very gratifying to work with this whole team of people. She thanked Carol Coppola especially for everything going so smoothly. Ms. Bennett thanked everyone involved – with a special recognition for the custodial team.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Tammy Gluck asked if the cost of snow removal will be covered by insurance? No. Ms. Gluck said she wanted to echo what Ms. Bennett said about the whole move going smoothly. She said she’s heard some complaints from students that they don’t have as much freedom. She said as a parent she was good with that. Ms. Gluck thanked everyone involved and thanked Dr. Blake for being aware of the bus issues.

## **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. LeBlanc stated he wanted to echo what everyone has been saying about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade move. He stated he attended the meeting Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. He said that all signs were good. It couldn’t have been handled any better.

Ms. Ross commented on the great job everyone did. She stated it was amazing that everyone stayed calm. A list of things that could have gone wrong was made – but everything went smoothly – as it should. Ms. Ross thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Masson stated everyone did an amazing job. He estimated that 50% of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade families attended the meeting before vacation. “You guys excelled.” “Good job.”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Graduation Date:** Dr. Blake reported that seniors are required to attend school an equivalent of 171 days in hours. Mr. Stack recommended June 12, 2015, as the graduation date. If there are more snow days that could change. The District will be looking at Saturdays. At this point the District is on track for the June 12<sup>th</sup> date. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve

the graduation date for seniors as June 12, 2015. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

**b. Make up Days:** Dr. Blake said the District is exploring its options to make up snow days. Some of those options include: an extended school day; attending school during April vacation (less desirable); giving up one professional development day. There is a professional development day planned for next Friday, but he is not in a position to recommend using that day as extensive planning has gone into the program for that day. Dr. Blake stated that the option to extend the school day will be discussed at some point. He has been in contact with the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner is aware of the circumstances surrounding the roof and is willing to work with the District. The District has missed ten days so far. Mr. LeBlanc asked if the Senior Day of Caring could be held on a Saturday? Yes.

**c. Facilities:** Dr. Blake reported that all snow has been cleared off the school roofs in the District. He stated that there are some leaks that need to be addressed. He stated there was a leak in one of the wings at the Memorial School. Ms. Coppola reported that she and Ms. Bennett met with representatives from Primex, the insurance carrier. Primex stated the loss would not be covered if it was determined that there were defects in the trusses or workmanship. She stated there were 4' to 6' snow drifts on the roof. Ms. Coppola also addressed the Industrial Arts Building at the old HS campus. A structural engineer said the building was not suitable and needs extensive work. She said the District needs think about being proactive.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT** none

**WRITTEN INFORMATION** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Ms. Tammy Gluck spoke of the extended school day. She said in the past ten minutes was added to the beginning of the day and ten minutes was added at the end of the day. She said that not a lot of learning goes on in those twenty minutes. She stated that the MS and HS already have an early start time and that needs to be taken into consideration.

Ms. Cheryl Gannon echoed the sentiments of the previous speakers in recognizing the smooth transition for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students/staff. She praised the work of the administration, teachers, custodians, "everyone in the district" and thanked them for their efforts. Ms. Gannon asked Board members to please speak loudly. She is recording the meetings and the camera plug is in the back of the room away from the table.

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT** Ms. Miller reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bennett said she was very happy with the diligence in which Ms. Coppola prepares the

budget in that the District was able to absorb the unexpected expenses in regards to the snow removal. Thank you!

At 9:00 PM, Ms. Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in the Library at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in the Library at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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