

**SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**July 29, 2015**

A special meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday July 29, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Jon LeBlanc, School Board Chair, in Room 137 at Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:           Janice Bennett  
  Jon LeBlanc, Chair  
  Roberto Miller  
  Wendy Miller, Vice Chair  
  Dustin Ramey

ADMINISTRATOR:                   Carol Coppola, Business Manager

EXCUSED:                            Corey Masson  
  Nancy Ross  
  Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

**REVIEW AGENDA** Add 4a. Public Comment and 4b. School Board Comment

**MANIFEST**

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #3 -\$2,105,537.31; Payroll #3 - \$188,443.19

**Middle School Roof Bid Award:** Ms. Coppola read the results of the bids received to repair the MS Roof. They are as follows:

Build-It Construction	\$267,042	completed in 40 days
Careno Construction	\$435,000	completed in 120 days
Meridian Construction	\$677,700	completed in 135 days

All three companies were prequalified. Frank Marinace, the architect, spoke with Build-It Construction to verify that nothing was missed. The owner of Build-It Construction confirmed that all specifications were included in the bid. All bids were accompanied by a Bid Bond. It was Mr. Marinace’s recommendation to accept the Build-It Construction bid. Ms. Coppola stated that the School District Attorney will negotiate the contract. Ms. Miller asked if the

school would be in session during the work and if the workers had to undergo a CORI check. The workers do not have to undergo a CORI check, but will be separated by a wall within the school. Build-It's resume includes work completed at: Harvard Graduate School, Boston University, Northeastern University, Equity Residential, Phillips Exeter and Andover. The Architect checks all references. The Architect's original estimate to complete the work was \$607,000. Ms. Coppola said the bidder provides documentation certifying they understand the scope of work. Mr. Ramey expressed concern about the gap in the estimate and the actual bid. Ms. Coppola stated that the companies bidding have different overhead and that is probably reflected in their prices/bids. Ms. Coppola said the Architect recommends hiring Build-It Construction. Ms. Bennett expressed concern about "rumors" circulating around the community that "shoddy materials" were used in the original roof and proper materials not being used. She said the discrepancies in the bids have her "curious and a little worried". Mr. Miller said he is confident that the costs of the repairs will be covered by FEMA and the insurance company. Mr. Miller relayed a personal story in which he was having some trees removed from his property. He solicited three prices from three different contractors. The prices were: \$4,000; \$3,000; and \$1,750. Mr. Miller went with the \$1,750 bid and was not unhappy. Ms. Coppola said they're still negotiating with FEMA and the insurance company. Mr. Ramey made a motion to award the bid to Build-It Construction provided they can provide an acceptable Performance & Labor and Material Payment Bond, along with proper insurance. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Ms. Bennett said she would like more information on the large discrepancies in the bids. Ms. Miller said the owner of Build-It Construction is a community member and wants to give back to the community. Mr. Ramey asked what consequences there would be if the contractor is half way through the job and can't complete it? Ms. Coppola said that a Performance Bond is required from the Contractor. Three (3) in favor; two abstained – Ms. Miller and Ms. Bennett. Zero against. Motion passed. Ms. Miller said for the record she abstained from the vote because she knows the owner of Build-It Construction.

**CHARRETTE** Mr. Ramey reported that the Ad Hoc Committee for the study of the seminary was "stuck" and didn't feel any progress was being made. Mr. Ramey spoke with Robin LeBlanc of Plan NH's Community Design Charrette Program. The Charrette Program assists communities with planning and design challenges. The program offers a two day work session to discuss and come up with ideas on repurposing the seminary campus as well as the Nichols Library. The cost is \$5000.00 for the two day work session. The town of Kingston would apply for the program, but would need the School Board's approval. The town of Kingston has approved \$3,500.00 for the work session/study. The earliest start date for the work session would be Spring 2016. Mr. Ramey said the Ad Hoc Committee recommends going forward with the program. Newton residents are welcome to attend the work sessions and come up with different ideas on what to do with the property. The Seminary and campus is owned by the

School District – Newton and Kingston. Ms. Bennett asked how Newton would be involved with the plan. Mr. Ramey stated that Newton would be invited to the work session. Experts will suggest ideas and propose what they feel the town needs. Ms. Coppola suggested the School District Attorney meet with the SB members to answer questions about what the District can and cannot do with the property. Mr. LeBlanc suggested the Attorney meet with the SB before August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Bennett made a motion to support the Charrette Work Session with \$1,500. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor to support the Charrette Program work session with \$1,500.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Ms. Annie Collyer of Newton asked what the goal is of the upcoming PACE meetings? Mr. LeBlanc said it was part of Professional Development, training for the staff. Ms. Collyer asked about the teacher contracts and negotiations and how they are handled. Ms. Collyer said she will be preparing a worksheet supplying information on area schools and the contract increases. She stated that Sanborn increases are at 3.5% and this is not sustainable. She said other districts raises are at 1% and 2%. She stated that Sanborn is not doing what other districts are doing. Ms. Collyer invited the SB members to attend Newton Town Day on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cheryl Gannon of Kingston spoke of the Charrette that was done in the past. She said that it was all from a Kingston perspective with no involvement from Newton. She advised the SB to include Newton in the plan. Ms. Gannon stated that the Seminary belongs to both towns 50-50, although Kingston residents have more “stake” in it. Ms. Gannon asked if the meeting with the Attorney would be open to the public? No. Ms. Gannon asked if the PR Committee could notify her of upcoming Special Meetings. Ms. Gannon thanked Ms. Collyer for posting the meeting. Ms. Gannon stated that she is an advocate for community involvement and she is happy to tape the meetings for the community to view.

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT** Ms. Ramey reminded the SB that the SB goal to do something with the Seminary campus was to be completed before December. Mr. LeBlanc said that the District is sponsoring a Professional Development opportunity August 10 and 11 regarding PACE.

**ADJOURNMENT** Ms. Bennett made a motion at 7:12 PM to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board Facilities Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 5:00 PM**, in Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston**.

The next **regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in the Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc  
School Board Secretary

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