

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Music Room

September 7, 2016

Call to Order:

School Board Chair Carroll called the School Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland

Heather Furlong

April Royce

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Terra Geer, Director of Student Services

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kate O'Connor and a moment of silence was led by Board Chair Carroll.

Minutes:

Heather Furlong moved to approve the public minutes of the School Board meeting of August 17, 2016 as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Shaun Carroll noted that there was a revision request by a member of the public in regards to comments they made during public session at the August 17, 2016 meeting. It has been denied.

Agenda Review:

Add Action item "F" – Outing Club Proposal.

Public Forum:

Alice Josephs, Sunapee resident, asked if the public has input on agenda for the meetings. Board Chair Carroll responded yes, that they have to ask the Superintendent or Board Chair to be added to the agenda.

John Brandolini, Westwood Rd., asked why there is a request from the administration to move \$200K from the Special Education Reserve Fund to the operating budget. The Board Chair stated it will be discussed during the meeting.

Paul Manson, Young Hill Rd., asked what the purpose is of moving the funds out of the Special Education Reserve Fund. The Board Chair stated it will be discussed during the meeting.

Special Education District Data Profile:

Terra Geer gave a presentation on the 2014-2015 special education data, the most recent from the State, to the Board:

- She gave an explanation of the Office of Special Education Programs.
- She reminded the Board that the data may represent one or more students.
- She explained indicators 1-14.
- The District has a 100% graduation rate and a 0% dropout rate for special needs students.
- The participation rate of Sunapee special education students in the State test was 90%.
- 28% were proficient in reading and 28% were proficient in math; the State was 19% and 13%.
- 87.5% of special education students spend 80% or more of their time in the regular education classroom.
- 100% of preschool special education students are in the early intervention program.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- Thursday night before school started, the school held their 3rd Annual Family Night – 90% of families attended.
- There are 159 total students, 25 new students with eight being tuition students.
- The PTO Chowder/Chili Challenge will be held on September 25.

- Homework Club started this week and Chess Club starts next week.
- Destination Imagination coaches are needed.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- For the eighth straight year, the school has held a special activity for the first day of school. The students and teachers were locked in a room with clues to get out; it was fun.
- There will be a mini-college fair tomorrow.
- Open house is tomorrow night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden thanked maintenance for all their hard work getting the District ready for the school year.

Proposed Policies:

The Board reviewed the following policies for first reading:

- BDB – Board Officers (Chair will now remain Chair after the vote until a new one is appointed.)
- BEDC – Quorum (There has to be a quorum in person to run; only two people at a time can attend via electronic means.)
- BEDC-R – Rules and Regulations on Electronic Participation at Meetings (A Board member may only use this policy twice a year.)
- JQ – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

Paul Skarin moved to approve the first reading of the policies presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

The Board reviewed the following policies:

- BEDH – Public Participation at a Board Meeting (A member of the public has to get the information to be added to the agenda to the Superintendent two weeks prior to the meeting.)
- EEAA Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property
- GBCD Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check

The Board reviewed all three policies and asked Superintendent Holden to make changes to the send public forum piece on agendas in the policy, email the policy to Heather Furlong and Paul Skarin, and then email to District attorney, Barbara Loughman, for review.

Brian Garland asked that the policy on tuition students be reviewed and brought to the next meeting.

Approve the Proposed Nature's Classroom Extended Field Trip:

April Royce moved to approve the Nature's Classroom Extended Field Trip as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Advisory Budget Committee Process for the School Board:

April Royce moved to approve the Advisory Budget Committee process for the School Board as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Appoint a School Board Member to serve on the Town's ABC Committee:

Brian Garland moved to appoint Board Chair Shaun Carroll as the School Board representative to the ABC Committee for the 2016-2017 school year.

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Superintendent Holden stated the first meeting is October 28, 2017 starting at 8 a.m.

Approve the Proposed Transfer of up to \$200K from the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund to the 2016-2017 Operating Budget:

The Board discussed the approval of allowing the administration to move up to \$200K from the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund to the 2016-2017 operating budget due to two unforeseen out of district placements. The fund currently holds \$316K. The Board decided to table and go into non-public for discussion at the end of the meeting.

Approve Proposed Tuition Payment schedule with the Croydon School District:

Superintendent Holden and Business Administrator Wessells stated the Croydon School District has asked to make quarterly payments for tuition students due to financial restraints. They owe

\$89,400 for seven students. The quarterly payments would be \$22,350. The Sunapee School District has done this for the Newport School District in the past.

April Royce moved to approve accepting quarterly tuition payments from the Croydon School District for the 2016-2017 school year.

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of the SMHS Outing Club for the 2016-2017:

Principal Moynihan explained that this has been going on for quite a few years. Thomas Coverdale takes students on four overnight camping trips throughout the school year. The Board gives approval for the trips and then Principal Moynihan gives direct approval when Mr. Coverdale comes forward with dates; the dates change due to weather.

Paul Skarin moved to approve the SMHS Outing Club overnight trips for 2016-2017 as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Proposed Site/School Study SCES Update:

Superintendent Holden stated the next meeting is September 12, 2016. Paul Skarin, Heather Furlong, Mat Bouranis, and himself will meet with Dan Bisson from Harriman.

Strategic Planning Update:

Superintendent Holden stated the next meeting is September 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. He is contacting people to be invited on the Steering Committee.

Emergency Management Drill Review:

Superintendent Holden stated the drill was held on August 27, 2016. Three or four teachers participated as well as six to ten students. The drill was very successful and much was learned.

Manifest:

April Royce moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2017-02 - \$114,902.17
- 2017-03 - \$63,532.03
- 2017-04 - \$135,743.47

- 2017-05 - \$122,160.48

April Royce moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2017-03 - \$66,040.65
- 2017-04 - \$258,683.98
- 2017-05 - \$423,592.47
- 2017-05.1 - \$480.63

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Student Representative:

Principal Moynihan will give three names to Superintendent Holden. Superintendent Holden and Principal Moynihan will interview after resumes are reviewed.

Public Forum:

John Brandolini, Westwood Rd., thanked April Royce and Paul Skarin for wanting to change the second public forum on the agenda. He asked that the agenda be made clearer by adding more detail to the agenda items. He stated he doesn't think the Board should allow Croydon to make quarterly payments without added interest. He also feels non-school board members shouldn't sit with the Board.

John Augustine, Stagecoach Rd., asked if the strategic plan meeting is open to the public. Superintendent Holden stated no. He also asked if the board member on the ABC Committee will fully participate. The Board stated that they assume they will be allowed to do so.

Agenda for October 5, 2016:

- October 1st numbers
- Policies 2nd reading
- SBAC results
- Review Board Goals
- BEDH 0 Public Participation at a Board Meeting
- Student Representative

Non-Public Session:

Please see non-public minutes.

Approval of \$200K from Special Education Capital Reserve Fund:

April Royce moved to approve up to \$200K be moved from the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund to the 2016-2017 operating budget as presented.

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Adjournment:

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

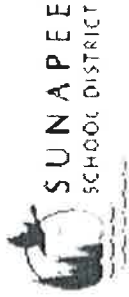
Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kate O'Connor

School Board Secretary



Russell Holden <rholden@sunapeeschools.org>

Draft Minutes of Sept 7th Meeting

3 messages

John Brandolini <john.brandolini@gmail.com>

To: Shaun Carroll <scarroll@sunapeeschools.org>, Russell Holden <rholden@sunapeeschools.org>
Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 10:21 AM

Good Morning Shaun and Russ -

I'm not sure you are the correct people to send this to, and if you aren't, please accept my apologies and let me know who to send it to. It has to do with the draft minutes of the Sept 7th School Board meeting. One of the sentences attributed to me in the 2nd public forum section states:

He also feels non-school Board members shouldn't sit with the Board.

I realize you try and summarize all conversations or you would have many more pages of minutes and I can appreciate that. But, I would like a little more added for this particular item. Such as the following:

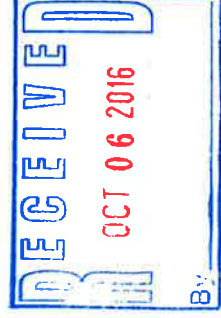
He also asked for clarification on whether this meeting was a Sunapee School District meeting or a Sunapee School Board meeting. When informed it was a Sunapee School Board meeting, he stated that non-school Board members shouldn't sit with School Board members because there is whispering going on among the members / non-members that the public can't hear. If they were separated, then the comments would be louder and everyone would be able to hear them.

Thank you for adding these changes.

Thanks,

John

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