

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Media Center

January 14, 2015

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair

Kim Denney, Vice Chair

Mike Ripley - Absent

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Terra Geer, Special Education

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal

Ray Palin, SMHS Media Director

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Garland and a moment of silence by Shaun Carroll.

Minutes:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the School Board meeting minutes of December 3, 2014.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

3 – Yay, 0 – Nay, 1 - Abstention

Agenda Review:

Presentation on Makerspace after first public forum.

Public Forum:

None

Makerspace Presentation:

SCES Library Media Specialist/Technology Integrator, Heidi Doyle, explained that Makerspace are places in the school with tools to build and create. Currently, only fifth grade is participating, but she wants to expand. The children come up with the ideas themselves and work out the solutions by themselves. The following students presented their work:

- Tyler and Wesley took a RC car and added lights, horn and a fan on the back by making circuits and batteries. They also wrote an essay as to why Makerspace is important to have in the school.
- Landon and another student built a Popsicle house and then added a light and a windmill by attaching circuits and batteries.
- Tobias came up with an invention using a cardboard box and an iPad.
- Brett took an online game and created a circuit board connecting Playdough, a banana, copper wire and tinfoil. Then by attaching a wire to his wristwatch he can touch any of the objects he connected and make the player in the game move.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- WMUR released the top 50 elementary schools in NH right before Christmas. SCES was ranked #27 out of 157 schools. Rankings are calculated by Nich.com using student proficiency data, survey responses and student-teacher ratios.
- Seven new students have enrolled since December 1st bringing the pk-5 enrollment to 182 students.
- The Winter Activities Program begins tomorrow after a weather cancellation last week. 87 students are skiing or snowboarding, 5 are ski jumping and the rest are cooking, learning karate, gymnastic or arts and crafts.
- This past Monday, Sky Connection came to present using the EduTarium, an inflatable “planetarium” of sorts that allows projection on a domes ceiling. Students learned about the seasons, constellations and the solar system.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan and Meagan Reed gave the Board the following good news:

- The Service Club put on a food drive during the holidays and is now organizing a blood drive.
- Music students attended a show at the Lebanon Opera House.
- High school students are getting ready for mid-terms.
- Faculty and administration are working on reorganizing elective courses for next year.
- Social Studies and English Language Arts are currently up for the curriculum review cycle; Social Studies in the content area and ELA at its Common Core Standards requirements. It is only in stage one of the review. It has been agreed by teachers and administrators to use Atlas, a web based platform curriculum mapping software. Teachers and administrators will meet to discuss on January 20th.

Special Education Report:

Terra Geer gave the Board the following report:

- Peg Dawson presented to all staff on Executive Functioning Skills. She also presented to the community which had 34 attendees.
- The Life Skills class is concluding a job placement rotation at LaValley's and will be beginning a new one at the Abbott Public Library.
- NH Voc Rehab came to present in December and we are actively engaged with them to support student success in transition.
- Expecting one graduate this month.

Superintendent's Report:

Russell Holden gave the Board the following report:

- He is very impressed with the work going on with the curriculum review and reorganization. Meagan and Jodi are doing a phenomenal job.
- Dana and Katie Blewitt are working on the Evaluation Committee and we should bring a proposal forth in the next few months.
- He will bring the 15-16 draft calendar to the next Board meeting.
- He visited the vocational technical center in Claremont and wants to encourage more students to attend.

Building & Ground Updates:

- Currently, all school projects are going well.
- Connector Road Project – On hold at this time.

Policy Review – J Policies:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the first reading of J policies, policy EEACC, 2nd reading of J policies, J policies reviewed and J policies rescinded as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Discussion over policies JFC – Student Conduct, JICBB – Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention (Bullying), JICI – Weapons on School Property and EEACC – Student Conduct on School Buses.

Vote unanimous.

Approve 15-16 Budget:

Paul Skarin moved to approve the 15-16 budget as presented.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of the Mercier Group Audit Contract:

Kelly Wessells stated this is the same group the District has been using. This is a three year contract.

Kim Denney moved to approve the contract as presented.

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Custodial Resignation:

Russell stated this is informational only.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2015-13 - \$61,339.50
- 2015-14 - \$62,388.55
- 2015-15 - \$48,397.93

Kim Denney moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2015-12 - \$219,578.65
- 2015-13 - \$436,148.40

Paul Skarin seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Non-Public Session:

See non-public minutes

Approval of Warrant Articles:

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number four as presented.
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number five as presented.
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number six as presented.
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number seven as presented.
Paul Skarin seconded the motion.
0 – Yes, 4 - No
Board unanimously decided to take off warrant article number seven.

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number eight as presented.
Paul Skarin seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number nine as presented.
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve warrant article number ten as presented.
Paul Skarin seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

John Augustine, Sunapee resident and BAC member, asked what the difference is between warrant article six and ten. Russell explained that six is for repairs of the building such as a replacement of a boiler, while ten is for future construction or development.

Agenda for February 4, 2015:

- Policies
- Connector Road Update
- Good News
- Manifest
- Deliberative Session Review
- 15-16 Draft Calendar

Adjournment:

Paul Skarin moved to adjourn at 8:44PM.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary