

Sunapee School District
February 3, 2010
SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Kim Denney
Edward Bailey – (7:10 p.m.)
Brian Garland, Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Ray Palin, Videographer
Jim Grenier, Goshen-Lempster School Board Chair
Kate O'Connor, Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Kate O'Connor led the pledge while Shaun Carroll called for a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Judy Trow moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2010 as presented.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

Shaun Carroll announced that Burton Blodgett, previous owner of the Blodgett property, had passed away down in Florida.

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave the Board the following report:

- Annual winter program ends on February 4, 2010.
- NEWA testing has begun for the winter session. New students who've enrolled since October are tested as well as students requested by the teacher. This session that includes the whole fourth grade.
- Currently reviewing NECAP results
 - 87% of 5th graders scored proficient or advanced in mathematics
 - 70% of 3rd and 4th graders scored proficient or advanced in reading. Feels the number should be higher. Currently reviewing certain students scores; will update the Board in April.
 - Following students for data collection to be able to show progress.
- Friday, February 5, 2010, SCES will start a two week penny drive for Haitian Relief

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following report:

- Currently reviewing NECAP results
 - 6th, 7th & 8th grades are ahead of the state average at proficiency level in every category, including 8th grade in writing.
 - HS students have the highest reading test score in the state.
 - 50% of HS students scored proficient in mathematics compared to 32% in state.
 - Sunapee scored in the top ten in the state on NECAP results.

Superintendent:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following report:

- Jim Grenier of Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District is here to discuss a tuition issue.
- Sunapee SAU called Fall Mountain for their tuition rate not knowing that they give a discount to Goshen-Lempster. This rate is what Sunapee bills Goshen-Lempster for any of their students who attend Sunapee.
- Goshen-Lempster pays Sunapee up to a certain amount and then the parents pay the difference.
- Sunapee charged Goshen-Lempster the amount quoted them by Fall Mountain not knowing about the discount. Goshen-Lempster will only pay the amount set by their district. The difference is \$1,328. Goshen-Lempster gets charged \$12,030 by Fall Mountain. Fall Mountain quoted Sunapee at \$13,258.
- There are currently four Goshen-Lempster students attending Sunapee.

- Jim Grenier stated that Goshen-Lempster can't ethically or financially pay the extra that Sunapee is looking for in tuition. Parents will have to pay the difference. He asked the Board to discuss with the parents, who do not know of the difference yet, and decide whether to adjust the amount for them or to charge the rate as planned.
- Board will have to decide on a course of action.

Non-Public:

Judy Trow moved to go into non-public session under 91-A:3 II c at 7:30 p.m.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney, Edward Bailey, Shaun Carroll and Judy Trow

At 8:15 p.m. Shaun Carroll called the meeting back into public session.

Superintendent Continued:

Brendan Minnihan finished giving his report to the Board:

- A letter has been written and sent to Dr. Laurien to thank him for the bus picture and letter.
- Alan Pullman thanked the Board for the condolences given by the Board.
- School happenings are being published in the Kearsarge Shopper and the Intertown Record.
- Shaun Carroll noted that the Argus Champion is getting started again. Roy Malool has bought the name and area businessmen are involved.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters has started with HS students mentoring elementary students once a week for an hour after school.

Review of Deliberative Session:

Mike Trojano said there is precedence for the way the current warrant article is written i.e. encompassing all monies being asked for under one article.

Shaun Carroll asked the Board if any members would like to join him in attending the next Selectman's meeting as he feels the BAC overstepped its boundaries during the Deliberative Session. Judy Trow and Edward Bailey said they would like to attend.

Shaun Carroll asked if the Board should start getting information out before the vote. Judy Trow said she will work with Katie Richardson, from the Intertown Record, by writing letters to the editor.

Extended Field Trip:

Sean Moynihan asked permission from the Board for the following field trip:

- Baseball and softball teams will leave for a weekend in March for training as there is usually too much snow up here to practice outside.
- It will be from Friday through Sunday, so two overnights.
- Number of students is not known at this time, but he would like the Board to approve so that plans can be made.
- Sean Moynihan will update the Board prior to the trip being taken.

Edward Bailey moved to approve the extended field trip for the baseball and softball teams.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Review of Audit:

Mike Trojano gave the Board the following report:

- This audit was based on the ending date of June 30, 2009.
- Overall a good report with minor details needing to be fixed.
- Revenue budget needs to be recorded in the accounting system; this has already been corrected.
- Treasurer needs to sign off on all reconciliations; this is being done currently.
- The money from the Capital Reserve Fund needs to go to the Trustees first, and then the Board can decide where to appropriate funds and then ask the Trustees for a check. This process has already begun.
- Auditors request a full report of trust activities for the whole year not just June 30th's.
- The SCES student activities account needs to have more than one person sign off on the deposits for control purposes. This has started.
- Auditors recommend SAU #85 keep assessing their internal control measures.

Nomination:

Brendan Minnihan asked the board to approve Laura Henault as the new administrative assistant at SAU #85. She is an internal candidate; currently working as a paraeducator at SCES.

Judy Trow moved to approve the hiring of Laura Henault as the new administrative assistant at SAU #85.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Yay – 3, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1

Donation:

Brian Garland, Board member, has donated \$600 to SCES. Alan Pullman said that the faculty at SCES is working on a mutual decision as to what to spend the money on.

Judy Trow moved to approve the donation of \$600 to SCES.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve the following manifests:

- A/P #2010-17 = \$63,447.03
- A/P #2010-18 = \$73,999.99
- Payroll #14 = \$364,915.44
- Payroll #15 = \$182,558.41
- Payroll #15.1 = \$1,483.94
- Payroll #16 = \$318,375.04

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Policy IHBA – Second Reading:

No changes from First Reading of policy IHBA.

Kim Denney moved to approve the policy as presented.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for March 3, 2010:

- SMHS Data
- Update on tuition policy

Alan Pullman told the Board that SCES will be holding a brief Academic Honors assembly every Friday to recognize those doing well in their studies.

Non-public session:

Judy Trow moved to go into non-public session under 91-A:3 IIa at 8:55 p.m.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney, Judy Trow, Edward Bailey, Shaun Carroll.

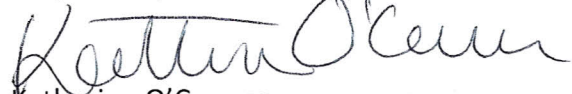
Judy Trow moved to exit non-public session at 9:40 p.m.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Kim Denney, Judy Trow, Edward Bailey, Shaun Carroll.

Judy Trow moved to adjourn.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Katherine O'Connor
Sunapee School Board Secretary