

Sunapee School Board Meeting
June 2, 2010
SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

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

Pledge/Silence:

Meagan Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shaun Carroll led a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Brian Garland
Kim Denney – 7:10 p.m.
Edward Bailey – 7:15 p.m.

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator
Kate O'Connor, School Board Secretary
Meagen Reed, SMHS Teacher
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager
Wayne Palmer, Facilities Manager
Jon Reed, SMHS Teacher
Sharon Parsons, SMHS Teacher
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal

Public Forum:

Brian Emery spoke to the Board about the athletics policy. He spoke to the Board a year ago on the subject and has concerns that not everyone is being held to the same standards. The Board said they could not discuss specific incidents, but would be glad to speak with him in a private setting about his concerns.

Dr. Halpin gave a presentation on "Elementary Phunweek" which began in 2005. She came twice in September to work with the third graders to give them an understanding of physiology, show them what scientists are like in real life, and discuss health and exercise. She then met with the teachers in October to see how it went. Then, during the first week of November, she presented at a conference in Anaheim, CA to physiologists.

She said that next year she would like to work with the same students that are now in the fourth grade and integrate mathematics and analyzing data.

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave a good news report to the Board on SCES (Please see handout attached). He then touched on the reading scores from tests given in April to all grades.

- SCES scored behind the benchmark on the NEWA with 83 at-risk previous in the year.
- In April it had gone down to 57 – 26% of students
- Proficient to Advanced status has risen.
- A plan has been made to increase reading test scores and has been approved by staff on June 2, 2010.
- It is a 2yr plan in which they want 85%.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- Due to Marcia Spencer's work SMHS has been recognized by the Gilder Lehrman of American History for next year. There is a civil war essay contest for students to participate in and professional development for teachers.
- Completed NWEA testing. Middle school had some improvement, but the high school had more growth. Every student in grades 6th through 10th takes the test.
- Student, Christa Hargbol, in her second year of track, is number one in the State for the 300 meter hurdles. She will be participating in the State of Champions held at Merrimack Valley High School.
- June 2, 2010 the Spring Concert is being held.
- Graduation will be held on June 11, 2010.

Superintendent Communications:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report to the Board:

- Three staff members, Bonnie Cruz, Tom Frederick and Jon Reed won the Outstanding Achievement in Physical Health award presented by the State of New Hampshire. This award recognized their work in encouraging staff to exercise and stay fit.
- The Alert Now system, which alerts staff and parents of unexpected happenings such as cancellations, delays or computer issues, is working well.
- There has been a hardware problem with a server. It will be fixed by June 9, 2010. Parents are unable to see PowerSchool at the moment and email only works internally.

PTO – Outdoor Classroom

PTO Members, Katherine Erin and Meagan Reed gave the following presentation to the Board:

- The PTO has been doing a lot of fundraising and has decided to pick a project to put money towards every year. Staff was surveyed and an outdoor classroom had the majority.
- An outdoor classroom would be teaching science, nature, reading and writing.
- Met with a representative from one company and would be built outside and be moveable.
- The cost would be \$10,000 to \$15,000 which the PTO would raise within three years.
- There are currently 6-13 PTO members and \$4,100 raised already
- There is also an idea of creating a greenhouse space to go along with the outdoor classroom.

The Board said it sounds like a great idea and to please keep them updated.

Social Studies Curriculum:

Meagan Reed made the following presentation:

- This curriculum is developed for grades K-12.
- Ray Palin, Meagen Reed, Pam Larpenter and Heather Cantagallo all worked on the project, along with other members from the staff.
- Board approval is needed to implement the plan.
- Representatives at each grade level in the elementary and high school were apart of the development.
- The group focused on eliminating gaps and reducing overlaps.
- Specific course maps were created for teachers.
- Created areas of focus that teaches students essential skills in social studies.
- All together there are 16 skills all students need to be taught.
- The group would like teachers to have this plan for the summer so that they can buy materials and begin lesson plans.
- Both principals from SMHS and SCES were pleased with the curriculum.

Judy Trow moved to approve the Social Studies Curriculum plan created in 2010.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Brendan Minnihan told the Board that a Science Curriculum for grades K-12 will be coming forth to the Board in the fall of 2010.

NEAS&C:

Sharon Parsons and Jon Reed gave the following presentation to the Board:

- They thanked the Board for their continuous support throughout the reaccreditation process.
- The NEAS&C commission that made the visit thought the Sunapee preparation was well done.
- The Chair will now draft a report and will send it to Sunapee in July.

- Sean Moynihan will then review the report and will bring to the chairs of the Sunapee committee.
- Sunapee then has ten days to respond back to the NEAS&C commission with their thoughts on the report.
- The report then goes back to the NEAS&C Head Chair.
- A final report will be sent back to Sunapee in October of 2010.
- Accreditation status is voted on around September/October.
- After the vote the plan for Sunapee is implemented.
- There is then a 2yr and a 5yr report that are less in depth.
- Sunapee will create a follow-up report with a new committee.
- Sunapee is going to make changes per the plan on professional development, curriculum and school wide rubrics.
- Want a middle school advisory like the high school currently.
- Sean Moynihan appreciated the Board recognizing the steering committee on this project.

Project Updates:

Blodgett Property

Mike Trojano gave the following report to the Board:

- Catamount Company has started the abatement.
- They are removing windows and found asbestos in the glazing.
- Tin in the roof lines also has asbestos.
- The company is also checking the boards underneath the roof.
- The shingles are breaking on the roof – The Board said the shingles should be stripped; Mike Trojano will okay.

Judy Trow moved to have two board members and Mike Trojano discuss the roofing at the Blodgett and have Weather Check apply Bituthene to the necessary roof areas to keep it water tight.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

The Board told Brendan Minnihan and Mike Trojano to make the decisions when things come up on the site, but keep Shaun Carroll, Kim Denney and Edward Bailey in the loop.

Mike Trojano received four bids for the window replacement in the Blodgett Property. Prospect Hill was the lowest at \$7,974. He recommends using them for the window replacement as they are the lowest and local.

Judy Trow moved to approve Prospect Hill for the window replacement at the Blodgett Property for \$7,974.00.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

School Project Updates

Mike Trojano gave the following report:

- LaPlante construction replaced the cowl wall at the North end of the gym. It is now clear not yellow.
- The heaters and piping are gone out of the gym.
- The ventilation system has been redone.
- Waiting on installing the chairlift until after school ends.
- Found the company that installed locker room floor. They are going to cut along the edge of the slab that has moved and put rubber down to move when the cement moves.

Retirements and Resignations:

Brendan Minnihan brought forth the following employees to the Board:

- Brooke D'Entremont, Spanish teacher for SMHS has resigned.
- Tammy Malecha, paraeducator for SCES has resigned.
- Sharon Christie, Life Skills teacher for SMHS has retired.
- John Dargie, bus driver has retired.

Kim Denney moved to approve Brooke D'Entremont's and Tammy Malecha's resignations as well as Sharon Christie's and John Dargie's retirement.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Tech Proposal:

Brendan Minnihan brought forth technology items the district would like to buy, but need Board approval to do so. Eleven SmartBoards, 12 slate boards and interactive clickers for formative assessments will be bought with monies left over at the end of the 09-10 fiscal year. Meagan Reed, John Gosselin, special education department and the SMHS library will have their own SmartBoards. The total cost for approval is \$65,000.

Kim Denney moved to approve the purchasing of 11 SmartBoards, 12 slate boards and interactive clickers for up to \$65,000.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

SMHS Handbook:

Sean Moynihan showed the Board the revisions in the 10-11 SMHS handbook:

- All changes are in gray.
- Policy on absent students and expectations of them when they miss school.
- Pg. 40 on fighting and vandalism has changed to suspension for the first offense.

- Pg. 47 there is a typo on the dress code. Sunapee has a strict dress code. Sean Moynihan told the students if they can think of better definition then he'll think of changing the policy. Today's styles can make it difficult to find the appropriate attire.
- Spells out consequences of cell phone use.
- Pg. 56 talks about using clear bottles and only drinking water on school property.
- Explained the policy to allow students participate in sports if failing one class.

Brian Garland moved to approve the 10-11 SMHS handbook as presented.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Extended Field Trip:

Sean Moynihan presented the following field trip for approval:

- The trip is to NYC for music and drama enrichment and he has approved the chaperones – He is one of the chaperones.
- Almost thirty students are attending. If less than twenty than it would be okay with just the teacher, but over twenty is difficult.
- Little worried about some of the students attending, but has spoken to all of them.

Edward Bailey moved to approve the extended field trip to NYC next year.

Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda:

Next meeting is on July 7, 2010. The Board retreat will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the SAU office before the main Board meeting.

Agenda items for the July 7th Board meeting include:

- Project updates
- Last year's goals
- Manifest
- Nominations

Non-Public Session:

Judy Trow moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A3 II (a) at 9:25 p.m.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Shaun Carroll, Judy Trow, Kim Denney, Edward Bailey and Brian Garland were all present.

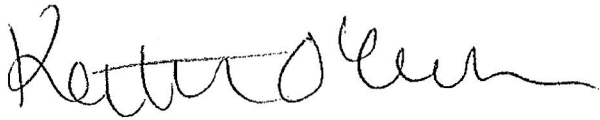
Discussion of Superintendent yearly evaluation

Move to come out of non-public session made by Judy Trow at 10:05 p.m.
Seconded by Kim Denney

All were in favor

Move to Adjourn made by Judy Trow at 10:06 p.m.
Seconded by Kim Denney

All were in favor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Submitted By
Katherine O'Connor
Sunapee School Board Secretary