

Sunapee School Board Meeting

August 11, 2010

SCES Library

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair

Judy Trow, Vice Chair

Brian Garland

Edward Bailey – 6:37 p.m.

Kim Denney – Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent

Terra Geer, Special Education Coordinator

Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager

Ray Palin, Media Coordinator

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Alan Pullman, SCES Principal

Mike Trojano, Business Administrator – 6:35 p.m.

Kate O'Connor, School Board Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Shaun Carroll led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Judy Trow moved to approve the retreat minutes of July 7, 2010 as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Judy Trow moved to approve the regular board minutes of July 7, 2010 as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave the Board the following news:

- Summer school ends this week and has gone very well.
- Four SmartBoards have been installed: Two are in fifth grade classrooms, one is in the library and the fourth is in a downstairs classroom. The special education department has used the SmartBoards all summer long.
- New carpet and smaller bookcases have been replaced in the library.
- A half a wall has been built downstairs as a timeout place for kids who need to work one on one with paraeducators.
- The dividers being installed in the Occupational Therapy room is almost complete.
- New floors and sinks in the girl's bathroom have been replaced.
- New paint throughout the school is complete.
- New staff member, Jennifer Ragazzo, has already started to receive additional training and has worked in the Extended School Year program all summer.
- Incoming enrollments for kindergarten are low; all other enrollments have stayed about the same.
- Half the SCES staff will be attending a presentation on Everyday Math tomorrow.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following news:

- Work Camp New England stayed at SMHS last week while they worked on houses in the area. All went well.
- The soccer field lights were approved by the planning board and will be installed on Monday; they will be tried out around 8:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
- A number of SmartBoards were installed at the high school as well. They are already starting to be used for the research and English curriculums.
- All enrollments have stayed the same throughout SMHS.

Superintendent Communications:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following news:

- The plan is to videotape classrooms using the SmartBoards once school has started and then present the video to the Board at the October meeting. This will replace having a regular demonstration so the Board can see the SmartBoards being used by classes.

- In August, the SCES staff will participate in training by an expert in RTI which focuses on reading intervention services.
- Brendan asked the Board if they would like to set up a committee to discuss the art and consumer science rooms at SMHS. The Board said they would like something set up.
- Ray Palin has set up a feature on the SMHS library website using video clips created using SmartBoard technology to help new students with research paper and English curriculums. This will especially help those coming in after the start of the new school year.
- A staff member has been out this week due to illness. Flowers were sent on behalf of the School Board. She will be out until Monday.
- Preschool enrollment for next year is maxed out.

Project Update:

Mike Trojano passed out a handout to all attendees. (See handout).

Board Goals:

Judy Trow moved to approve board goals for the 2010-2011 school year as written.
 Brian Garland seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous.

SMHS – Weighted Grades:

Sean Moynihan explained the argument for weighted grades and how it will work to the Board:

- Parents and students have shown an interest for some time in weighted grades. Weighted grades will give more recognition to those students taking AP coursework.
- It has taken two years to come up with a solution that will please most everyone.
- There are four AP courses and students will have to take and pass the AP exam to get the weighted grade. Passing of the exam will give the student one extra point which will be shown in their GPA as well as their overall average.
- Honors classes will be an extra half a point.
- Non-required courses will not be weighted, only those like English where you can choose between a regular English course and an AP English course.

Judy Trow moved to approve the weighted grade proposal at SMHS with the condition that the Board return to it for review next spring.
 Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous.

Finance Sub-Committee:

Mike Trojano asked the Board if they would approve of all members of the Board being able to sign off on the manifest when required. During the summer hours it is difficult to find the approved two Board members and it would be easier if all could be involved. Only two signatures would still be needed, but all five would be approved.

Brian Garland moved that all members of the School Board be approved to sign off on the manifest when required.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Policies:

First reading of the following policies:

- Replace JICBB – Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying with new policy.
- Replace JFC – Student Conduct with JIC – Student Conduct.
- Add JBAA – Sexual Harassment and Violence – Students.
- All policy wording was basically taken from the School Board Association.
- Many policies have to be looked at and reworded.
- Also, both handbooks are on the Sunapee School website.

Tuition Students:

Brendan Minnihan asked for the approval on the following tuition students for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Five new tuition students at SMHS. Four are from Goshen-Lempster and one is an employee's child.
- There will now be nine tuition students all together with four tuition students from last year.
- Two foreign exchange students, one from Germany and the other from Denmark.
- \$16,500 is the tuition rate for next year.
- Sean Moynihan has met with all the families including the host families for the foreign exchange students.

Brian Garland moved to approve the five new tuition students and the four current tuition students at SMHS for the 2010-2011 school year.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Judy Trow moved to approve two foreign exchange students at SMHS for the 2010-2011 school year.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Manifest:

Judy Trow moved to approve the following AP manifests:

- 2010-30 = \$49,702.96
- 2010-31 = \$27,908.54
- 2011-01 = \$260.66
- 2011-02 = \$95,303.67
- 2011-03 = \$8,220.87

Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Judy Trow moved to approve the following payroll manifests:

- 2011-01 = \$26,965.22
- 2011-02 = \$43,204.11
- 2011-2.1 = \$2,738.34

Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

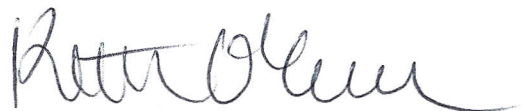
Agenda for Next Meeting, September 1, 2010:

- Projects Update
- SmartBoard Update
- 2nd reading of policies
- RTI presentation
- First reading on use of lights

Adjournment:

Judy Trow moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

Submitted By,



Katherine O'Connor
Sunapee School Board Secretary