

Sunapee School Board Meeting
September 2, 2009
SMHS Media Center
7 p.m.

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, (Arrived 7:10 p.m.)
Brian Garland, Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager
Kate O'Connor, School Board Secretary
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Wayne Palmer, Facilities Director
Mike Montore, District Technology Director
Ray Palin, Media Director
Tom Frederick, Athletic Director
Jon Reed, SCES Technology Director

Pledge:

Wayne Palmer led the pledge of allegiance.
Shaun Carroll led a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Judy Trow moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2009.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Public Forum:

Shaun Carroll let everyone know that Ron Verblau, who headed the committee for the current SAU location, has passed away unexpectedly.

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave the following report:

- A good start to the school year – enrollment is at 207 students which is the largest number since the sixth grade moved up to SMHS. This is ten more students than last year.
- There are now cones, chains and two stop signs going up the hill towards SCES to help with the traffic problem. Also, the DO NOT ENTER sign will be removed.
- They have two new staff members, Dawn Crate, guidance counselor and Kate Gioldassis, special education teacher.
- A big thank you to Dawn Crate for getting NEWA testing ready for this school year.
- There are new devices that help get feedback from staff about professional development as well as making classrooms interactive. The device allows an individual to push a button to give their answer confidentially.
- The school had paving and landscaping done over the summer as well as the new addition to the modular for the preschool.
- A lighting project has begun and is almost completed. All rooms are being refitted with energy efficient lights.
- Preschool is up and running and off to a great start.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the following report:

- SMHS got off to a smooth start thanks to Ray Palin, Meagan Reed, Tom Coverdale and Sharon Parsons. They established a new first day of school that transitions students back with team building activities and a barbeque.
- Fall sports teams are up and running with Ms. Reed coaching middle school volleyball this year.

Superintendent Communications:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report:

- Allison Tenney of SMHS attended the Athletic Leadership Conference this year in Indianapolis. Her photo was included in their pamphlet. She may be asked to come in to discuss her trip to the Board at a later time.
- Preschool was approved by the State with a possibility of having it year round. Thank you to Terra Geer, Dorie Shaw, Wayne Palmer and Stephanie Hubert and the electricians and contractors for making it happen.
- The MS-25 and DOE-25 need to be signed tonight.

Summer Projects:

SCES –

1. Lighting project for energy efficiency.
2. Replaced part of Kalwall in classroom and put in windows.
3. Paving and landscaping completed.

SMHS –

1. Carpeting installed in HS.
2. Repainted classrooms and hallways.
3. Replaced boiler front.

Blodgett Property –

1. Mr. Burton has moved to Florida with his nephew.
2. Some of his belongings are out, but much still needs to be gone through and removed.
3. Need to remove shrubbery around yard.
4. Barn needs to be dismantled. Currently getting cost estimates. It looks as though to save the wood and dismantle piece by piece it will cost \$16,000. To just take down it will cost \$5,000-6,000.
5. Board decided to have Judy Trow and Wayne Palmer go through the remaining items.

New Board Member:

Shaun Carroll moved to approve Kim Denney to sign the manifest with Judy Trow.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Judy Trow moved to approve Brian Garland as the new Sunapee School Board member until March 2010.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve the following A/P manifests:

- #25 - \$116,164.46
- #26 - \$57,785.28
- #27 – \$70,391.22
- #28 – \$28,229.57
- #01 – \$147,695.79
- #02 – \$24,623.31
- #03 - \$88,125.10
- #04 - \$59,690.49
- #05 - \$143,941.64

- #06 – \$34,327.54

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Kim Denney moved to approve the following payroll manifests:

- #26 - \$506,161.71
- #26.1 - \$267,835.93
- #26.05 - \$1,492.02
- #26.2 - \$242,231.38
- #1.0 - \$23,343.57
- #2.0 - \$40,020.51
- #2.1 - \$193.26
- #3 – \$58,449.58

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

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- Window replacements in the Sherburne Gym
- Ventilation in the SMHS gymnasium
- Will cost \$75,000; only have \$50,000, but can start projects.
- The fire department and Local Government Center will be doing walkthroughs of the schools after which the Board and SAU will take a look at what is a priority for getting done first.

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The policies in the packet need to be reviewed by the Board and brought forth for second reading and approval at next meeting. All need to be adopted. They are aligned with this year's school approval by the State and do not change the wording of the student's handbooks. The Board asked that the handbooks be verified with the policies.

Retirement:

The Local Government Center and NH Municipal Association are bringing a lawsuit against the State of NH for shifting the cost of retirement to the localities. The State did pay 35%, now it will be 30% and next year it will be 25%.

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Kim Denney moved to approve the new three year technology plan as presented.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Nominations:

The following are summer hires that need to be approved by the Board:

- Dawn Crate – SCES guidance counselor
- Kathryn Gioldassis – SCES special education teacher
- Sherrill Coberley – ESOL tutor
- Sarah McKinney – SMHS paraeducator
- Elaine Rickard – SMHS paraeducator
- Tammy Malecha – SCES 1:1 paraeducator

Judy Trow moved to accept nominations of the above mentioned summer hires:
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Resignations:

The following are resignations taken over the summer that need to be approved by the Board:

- Hershel Strickland – Sunapee School Board Member
- Heather Smith – SMHS paraeducator

Judy Trow moved to accept the resignations of Hershel Strickland and Heather Smith.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Extended Trip:

Approval needed for overnight trip to Nature's Classroom that is taken every year with Sharon Parsons and Corinne Levasseur. Dates are October 5-9, 2009.

Edward Bailey moved to approve the Nature's Classroom extended class trip.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Sean Moynihan informed the Board that the overnight trip with Tom Coverdale that was already approved by the Board earlier in the year is going to occur on September 17-18, 2009 at Mt. Chocorua; three to five students are attending.

Agenda:

The Board made a tentative retreat date of September 24, 2009 at the SAU Office at 6 p.m.

Non-Public Minutes
September 2, 2009

Motion by Judy Trow to enter nonpublic session under:

91-A:3 11 (c)

91-A:3 11 (e)

Seconded by Kim Denney

Roll Call Vote: Ed Bailey-Yes, Shaun Carroll Jr – Yes, Judy Trow-Yes, Kim Denney-Yes

Entered non-public 8:58 a.m.

Discussed student issue

Discussed Negotiations

Motion by Kim Denney to Seal Minutes

Seconded by Judy Trow

Roll Call Vote: Ed Bailey-Yes, Judy Trow-Yes, Shaun Carroll Jr- Yes, Kim Denney – Yes

Motion by Ed Bailey to come out of non-public

Seconded by Judy Trow

Vote: All Yes

Exit non-public session 9:58 p.m.

Public session:

Discussed possible lights at Alexander Field – received donation from the Police Benevolent Association to help with the purchase of lights (once and if approved).

Discussed possibility of having Skid School training for juniors, Dr. Minnihan will look into the cost

Discussed new keyless lock system at the Sherburne gymnasium

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 p.m.