

Sunapee School Board Meeting

October 7, 2009

SMHS Media Center

7 p.m.

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Kim Denney

Edward Bailey, Absent
Brian Garland, Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Jon Reed, Teacher
Ray Palin, Teacher

Pledge of Allegiance:

Kelly Cornish led the pledge of allegiance and Shaun Carroll led a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next board meeting on October 21, 2009.

Public:

Members of the Police Benevolence Association were in attendance to discuss donations made to the Sunapee School District:

- Check given for lights to be installed on the soccer field behind SMHS. Shaun Carroll discussed what has been done so far and intimated that the lights will be completed next week.
- Donation of a climbing wall for SMHS.

The members of the Police Benevolence Association said they are funded through fundraising efforts and donations and they give to all facets not just sports related activities. They are also interested in the arts and other endeavors that are closely related to the school.

The Board thanked them and said how much they appreciate the support the police give to the students of Sunapee School District.

Judy Trow moved to accept the donations given by the Police Benevolence Association.
Kim Denney seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

SCES:

Alan Pullman gave the following report on SCES:

- Open House went very well. All twelve classrooms and Preschool participated.
- The school had Health Living day in which they went on a two mile hike around the Town of Sunapee. He thanked the Sunapee Police Department for their police escort to ensure the children's safety. After the hike the student's came back and participated in other activities that promote healthy living. It was a big success.
- NEWA's are completed and the NECAPS are currently being taken.
- Picture Day is tomorrow.
- The school newspaper, "Quacking Out Loud", has begun.
- The fifth graders have started a Math Club that meets after school.
- The new lighting is almost complete.

SMHS:

Sean Moynihan gave the following report on SMHS:

- The sixth grade is currently away at Nature's Classroom.
- SMHS has received back it's NECAP Science scores –
 - MS – Did better than the State average
 - HS – Ranked fourth in the State
- The Junior class is in the middle of taking the NECAPS this week; next week the MS will participate.
- SMHS is currently participating in Granite State Challenge. The students did really well the first round. They meet tomorrow for the second round against Hanover.

- Tom Frederick, SMHS Athletic Director, was named S Class Athletic Director of the Year. This is voted on by the State Athletic Director's for each class. Mr. Frederick started the track program at SMHS and brought in the Athletic Leadership Council in which many students attend on the State level and one went on to participate at the National level.

Superintendent-Board Communications:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report to the Board:

- Updated Board goals from the Board retreat were handed out to the Board to review and approve at next meeting.
- Local group meetings and regional group meetings have occurred to discuss the H1N1 flu vaccine and the planning and offering of it.
- After discussion with the Board, Skid School will be offered to Juniors at SMHS. October 27, 2009 in the SMHS at 2 p.m. there will be a presentation on Skid School for the parents and students. This will be a voluntary course that the Sunapee School District is paying for and offering for free.

Budget:

Mike Trojano and Brendan Minnihan handed out the tentative timeline for the budget preparations.

- November 14, 2009 – All day work session from 9-4
- Meet before the school board meeting on December 2, 2009 for any last minute discussions.
- December 9, 2009 adopt the 10-11 budget

Brendan Minnihan said there are five Budget Advisory Committee members this year. He handed out their names and email addresses.

Brendan Minnihan said the last payment of the bond is August 1, 2012; this information the Board had previously requested.

Blodgett Property:

Brendan Minnihan updated the Board on the Blodgett Property:

- The property is almost entirely cleaned out. There is still paint and other hazardous materials, but Wayne Palmer is taking them out this weekend to be destroyed.
- Walkthroughs of the property for the community start tomorrow –
 - First will be 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
 - Second will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- All together there are eight dates with times set.
- A guest book will be present during walkthroughs to get names and emails.
- Wayne Palmer is finalizing quotes for shrub, tree and stump removal as well as the barn demolition. They have only received one quote so far.
- Brendan Minnihan and Jon Reed presented work being done on the Sunapee School District website for the Blodgett Property.
 - A link off the website shows a slideshow of the property and work being done.
 - It also has what times the walkthroughs are occurring.
 - The slideshow will be continually updated.
 - Building and site plans will be included.
 - An email link will be added for people to email comments and suggestions. This will come to Brendan Minnihan which will then be open to the Board to read as well.
- When the Board goals are adopted they will be put on the school district website.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve the following manifest items:

A/P

- 2010-8 for \$80,958.22
- 2010-09 for \$201,091.61

Payroll

- 4 for \$170,687.95
- 5 for \$180,776.44
- 5.1 for \$1,302.45

Judy Trow seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Policy Second Reading:

Kim Denney moved to approve the policies as listed in the October 7, 2009 Board packet.
Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Shaun Carroll noted that policy JICG was in the packet, but not listed. Also, policy JH was listed, but not included in the packet.

Vote was unanimous.

Mission Statement:

Jon Reed presented the new SMHS mission statement to the Board:

- The mission statement was updated for the NEAS & C Accreditation renewal.
- Statement has been adopted by SMHS staff.
- Statement is in the new student handbook.
- The SMHS website has an area for students to see how they are being assessed, rubrics, which tie in with the new mission statement.

Kim Denney moved to approve the new SMHS mission statement for the Sunapee School District.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

NEAS & C Update:

Jon Reed updated the Board on how the arrangements for the NEAS & C Accreditation are coming along:

- The accreditation committee will be in Sunapee from May 2-5, 2010.
- There are eight areas where SMHS will be assessed.
- Three reports are complete and accepted by SMHS staff –
 - School Profile
 - Community Resources
 - School Resources
- Arrangements are being made on the following –
 - Housing
 - Technology for accreditors use
 - Equipment ordered
 - Student and community presence
- Need to –
 - Finish other reports
 - Organize data
 - Coordinate schedule

Everything is going very smoothly and will be done by the appropriate time.

Drivers Education:

Brendan Minnihan said the old company abruptly ended driver's education. He and Sean Moynihan recommend a new company called the Sunapee Driving School owned by Steve Longtin, Sunapee resident. He will be able to offer evening classes and driving time on the weekends.

Judy Trow moves to approve the Sunapee Driving School to teach driver's education at SMHS. Kim Denney seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Personnel:

Brendan Minnihan brought forth the recommendation to hire for a 1:1 elementary paraeducator at 35hrs a wk with benefits. This position is due to a child who has moved into the district that requires a 1:1 through their IEP. This position was unbudgeted.

Kim Denney moved to approve the hiring of a 1:1 elementary paraeducator at 35hrs a wk with benefits.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Brendan Minnihan brought forth the recommendation to hire two paraeducators, Kate Brannan and Karen Oxland, to replace a paraeducator that has resigned and to meet the needs of a new student to the district.

Kim Denney moved to approve the hiring of Kate Brannan and Karen Oxland to replace a paraeducator that has resigned and to meet the needs of a new student to the district.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Items for October 21, 2009

Blodgett Property Update

Survey Monkey

Board Goals

Non-Public:

Kim Denney moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91: A 2 I (b).

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair

Judy Trow, Vice Chair

Kim Denney

Motion by Judy Trow to return to public session at 11:16 pm

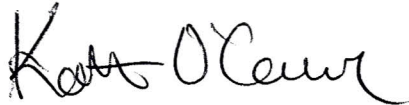
Seconded by Kim Denney

Kim Denney – Yes

Judy Trow – Yes
Shaun Carroll – Yes

Judy Trow move to adjourn
Kim Denney seconded
All in favor

Meeting adjourned at **11:17 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Respectfully Submitted By
Kate O'Connor
Sunapee School Board Secretary