

Sunapee School Board Meeting  
November 3, 2010  
SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair  
Judy Trow, Vice Chair  
Kim Denney  
Brian Garland  
Edward Bailey – Arrived 7:25 p.m.

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent  
Terra Geer, Special Education Coordinator  
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator  
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal  
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal  
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator  
Kate O'Connor, School Board Secretary  
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager  
Jon Reed, Technology Coordinator

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Judy Trow led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and Shaun Carroll asked for a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Judy Trow moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2010 as presented.  
Brian Garland seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous.  
Kim Denney – Abstain

Judy Trow moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2010 as presented.  
Kim Denney seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous.  
Brian Garland - Abstain

Public Forum:

None

Smartboard Presentation:

Jon Reed made the following presentation to the Board:

- This is an update on the Smartboard's that were bought last year and how they are being used and received in the district.
- He presented a short video to the Board showing the Smartboard's being used in the middle school and high school. The Smartboard's are also being used at the elementary level, but were getting repairs at the time of the video being made.
- If you want to see more on the Smartboard's or would like a live demonstration, please come into any of the schools.
- Showed the video from an iPad hooked up to the Smartboard in the SMHS Media Center. Students and teachers can do this as well if available.
- Every teacher who wanted a Smartboard projector has one in their classroom.
- Every Smartboard bought is being utilized in the District with six more teachers on the waiting list for a Smartboard in their classroom.

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave the Board the following news:

- A GaGeball court is being built on the upper part of the SCES playground. Local town parks, camps and schools are all offering this new game for kids. The district has spoken to their insurance agency and it has been green-lighted. The game is a cross between dodgeball and four-square.
- A staff meeting was held today, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss regularly assessing students reading. More rigorous assessments are going to be implemented in grades k-4 in January; the fifth grade is already taking the assessments.
- VINS, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, came to SCES last month. Many different animals came each assigned to a different grade. All the kids had a great time. This even was sponsored by the PTO.
- Photo retakes are November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Report cards go out this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Signups for Winter Activity begins November 19<sup>th</sup>.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following news:

- Sunapee is attending Harvard Model Congress again this year. Four students received scholarships of \$360 to attend, from the Harvard Model Congress panel. It cost \$7,500 for fifteen students to attend.

- The high school play, Alice in Wonderland, will open in two weeks.
- The first middle school play will open around Christmas. It is "The Christmas Carol".
- The high school girl's soccer team is in the State Championship; their second time doing so. They will play Derryfield at Southern New Hampshire University this Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. He is taking signups for a fan bus if you would like to attend the game.
- Each advisory has been given the assignment to choose a goal they care about and will have a few months to work on it and will then carry it out before the end of the school year.

#### Superintendent Communications:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following news:

- He met with Kate Richardson to discuss her writing articles on the Sunapee School District. A section will be dedicated to School Board news or Superintendent newsletters. Will have a section for both high school and middle school, so that the middle school has its own identity.
- He thanked the Sunapee Thrift Volunteers for donating \$200 to Mal McLaughlin's art class and \$200 to the middle school music department.

#### Budget Books:

Brendan Minnihan distributed the 2011-2012 budget books to the Board. He asked them to review; find questions and the SAU staff will get the answers either right away or by the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board decided to move the next Board meeting from December 1, 2010 to December 8, 2010 so as to be able to vote at the meeting on decisions from the budget session. Brian Garland and Kate O'Connor said they would not be able to attend the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; Kate will receive a DVD copy in the mail.

Brendan Minnihan said the budget came in a little higher than hoped with a .99% increase. A vast majority of the increase is due to health insurance and retirement and less money from the State. There is a small increase in salaries and the school bus was budgeted back in. There is a special education increase, but both the utilities and the building and grounds have been reduced.

#### Special Education:

Terra Geer gave the Board a report on special education parent surveys and the District Data Profile for the district:

- The way the State reports to OSEP is the District Data Profile.
- Schools have to collect graduation rates, dropout rates, expulsion & suspension rates, preschool settings, parent involvement, evaluation timelines and much more, because of all the collecting the profiles are always two years behind.
- Sunapee has been out of correction action for one year. When we were combined with SAU #43 we were in corrective action, but since creating SAU #85 we have been fine.



- The State Special Education parent surveys target parent involvement and are sent out every year. Sunapee exceeded expectation getting them back from parents.

#### Blodgett Update:

Mike Trojano stated that the Blodgett property has had the following work done:

- The heating and air systems have been ordered.
- The foundation has been insulated and the drains in the basement are in place.
- The next step is putting in concrete floors, windows in the EL, shingles, downstairs lavatory, interior work, kitchen floor and finishing the basement.
- There is \$60,000 left in the account for more work. The work is ahead of target and may be done by May or June unless something unexpected happens.

#### Retirement:

Brendan Minnihan brought to the Board's attention copies of two letters in their packets, both teachers at CHS, Richard Byrne and James Grenier, seeking their intent to retire in June 2012. James Grenier stated in his letter that he'd be willing to stay on part-time to help transition a new teacher if needed and Judy Trow wanted that noted.

Judy Trow moved to accept the intention to retire letters from Richard Byrne and James Grenier ending June 2012.

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

#### Policies:

Judy Trow moved that the Board receive the second reading and acceptance of policies:

- JH – "Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy"
- JKA – "Corporal Punishment"
- JKAA – "Use of Restraints"
- JICBB – "Public Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying"

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Manifest:

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

- #2011-09 = \$138,892.38
- #2011-10 = \$212,309.56
- #2011-11 = \$120,514.35
- #2011-8 = \$371,049.79
- #2011-9 = \$372,154.26

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for Next Meeting, December 8, 2010:

- Removal of Policies
- Budget
- Blodgett Property
- Manifest
- Minutes

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate O'Connor", written in a cursive style.

Kate O'Connor

Sunapee School Board Secretary