

Sunapee School Board Meeting

November 4, 2009

7 p.m.

SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Brian Garland
Edward Bailey, Late

Kim Denney, Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager
Wayne Palmer, Facilities Administrator
Jessica Baker
Ken Meyer, BAC Member
Speck Bauer, BAC Chair

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Brendan Minnihan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Shaun Carroll asked for a moment of silence.

Minutes:

Judy Trow moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009.
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Budget:

Brendan Minnihan and Mike Trojano handed out the budget books to the Board and BAC members. They want people to look budget book over before the November 14, 2009 meeting and if there are questions, send them to Linda Becker at the SAU office who will then pass them on to Brendan Minnihan and Mike Trojano.

The following overview was given:

- The whole budget is only up one percentage point
- Retirement is up because the State of NH has moved the burden onto the localities. The school district now has to pay an extra 5% into the system.
- Out of district tuition is down so far this year, but that number can fluctuate throughout the school year.
- The total budget for the 10-11 school year is \$9,954,955.00

Public Forum:

None

SCES News:

Alan Pullman gave the following news:

- The book sale was very successful. Over \$4,000 was raised and a portion of that goes to the PTA at SCES.
- He and his staff have been working hard at learning RTI, Response to Intervention, and have found it very stimulating and helpful.
- Wanted to explain for budgetary purposes that special education costs can frequently change throughout the school year, because services for students can change as their needs are better identified or if they no longer need services.
- Picture Makeup Day is Friday, November 6, 2009.
- Preschool is going great; there are ten students now in the program.
- H1N1 like illnesses are being monitored. 33 students were out today and 35 out the day before. Sends Brendan Minnihan the information daily on how many students are out.

SMHS News:

Sean Moynihan gave the following report:

- Last week numerous amounts of students were out with flu like symptoms. There have been more students out this year than in previous years, but the numbers of absences have gone down this week.
- Kate Squire was the October student of the month and Heidi Reedy is the November student of the month.

- A student directed play is going to be performed in a couple weeks. This is the second year in a row that a student has chosen to do this as their Senior Project.
- Sunapee students will be on Channel 11 next Wednesday at 6 pm on Granite State Challenge.
- The Fall Athletics Award Banquet will be on the following Monday. They have just received the news from the State on who made the Granite State Conference for Class S teams.
 - Volleyball
 - Maggie Heard, Sportsmanship Award
 - Olivia Richardson, Player of the Year & Sportsmanship Award
 - Boys Soccer
 - Neil Kontos
 - Shaun Carroll
 - Eric Skarin
 - Girls Soccer
 - Molly Kusselor
 - Erica Kane
- NEASC Update – The staff voted today on the instruction report which the instruction committee recommended that SMHS be found exemplary. The staff voted to agree. Now four of seven reports are completed.

Superintendent's Report:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report:

- Alert Now – He has taken down Board members email addresses and some cell phone numbers. Alert Now is a community and parent alert system that will send out a notice to local radio stations and WMUR when a snow day or an emergency occurs. It can alert people in a matter of seconds.
- SAU 85 is now on Twitter. There is information on there about upcoming events such as plays, concerts, Blodgett Property tours, etc. People can sign up for this and be alerted when a new posting is added. This same information is on the SAU 85 website, but people have to go to the website themselves to see the information.
- On Channel 8, Sunapee School news and community notes are now being played. This started today.
- The Board section on the SAU 85 website has been changed. There are policies and minutes for people to view, an index will be made shortly.

Blodgett Property Update:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report:

- The Blodgett website has been viewed 268 times. 189 of those have been new lookers.

- Only 7 surveys have been completed.
- The website has been updated to show the pictures of the barn coming down.
- Have spoken with Dan Bisson at Team Design and he is going to work more closely with Everett Pollard from NorthCape on the complete design of the building to get a better sense of the price of the total project. Hoping to meet with them first thing next week.

Facilities:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following update on Sunapee School District projects as of October 28th:

- Handed out 4-5 pages of projects at SMHS that state whether they're completed, in the process or still need to be completed.
- Ran out of time and did not complete handouts on SCES and the Sherburne gym. Will get those for the next meeting.
- BAC members and Board members would like to come in and take a tour of SMHS, SCES and the Sherburne gym and look at what projects still need to be done.

Preschool:

Brendan Minnihan brought forth the need to hire a 16hr/wk paraprofessional to help with a preschool student.

Judy Trow moved to approve hiring a paraprofessional for 16hrs/wk to work with a preschool student.

Edward Bailey seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Manifest:

Judy Trow moved to approve the manifest numbers –

A/P #2010-12 - \$85,597.12

Payroll #9 - \$193,624.76

Payroll #9.1 - \$564.58

Edward Bailey seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

School Parking:

Judy Trow saw a flier that said there will be a discussion coming up about parking at SCES. She would like to know more about it.

Alan Pullman said it is either November 16th at 7:15 p.m. It's to discuss whether the sign saying "No cars between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m." should be taken down altogether or the time changed to reflect 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. He wrote a letter to the police chief asking the times to be changed. The ordinance committee is meeting to discuss. Brendan Minnihan will be there as well as Alan Pullman.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Blodgett Property
Budget
Bargaining

Non-Public Session:

Judy Trow moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 2 I b
Brian Garland seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Brian Garland
Edward Bailey



Respectfully Submitted By,
Kate O'Connor
Sunapee School Board Secretary