

Sunapee School Board Meeting

December 2, 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
Edward Bailey
Kim Denney

Brian Garland, Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Jim Hathaway, Transportation Director
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Terra Geer, Co-Special Education Director
Shaun Hastings, BAC Member
Spec Bowers, BAC Member
Kate O'Connor, Board Secretary

Minutes:

Judy Trow moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009 as presented.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Judy Trow moved to approve the non-public minutes of November 4, 2009 as presented.
Edward Bailey seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Public Forum:

None

SCES Good News:

Alan Pullman gave the Board the following report:

- Flu is finally gone. At the height of the season 27 students were absent and today 4 students were absent and none with flu like symptoms.
- On December 9, 2009, there will be a flu clinic for those most at-risk for the seasonal flu.
- Winter activities will take place from January 7 – February 5, 2010. The school has received many donations to help those certain students attend the activities.
- Winter concert will be held on December 16, 2009 in the Sherburne Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Report:

Brendan Minnihan gave the Board the following report:

- The Communication Committee has met and is working with Katie Richardson from the Intertown Record. They are making a one page spread with articles, dates and events that surround the Sunapee School District. This will be put in the Intertown Record and Kearsarge Shopper once a month.
- The first class of skid school has fourteen juniors from SMHS and will be held this Saturday, Decmeber 5, 2009. A second date will come forth to the Board at a later time.

Work Camp:

Brendan Minnihan explained to the Board that he and Sean Moynihan had met with Ken and Marcia Therrien from the organization Work Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Therrien would like to ask the Board permission to hold their junior high summer camp at SMHS the week of August 1st through August 7th. Sean Moynihan and Wayne Palmer (Facilities Director), like the idea and do not feel disruptions will occur.

Ken and Marsha Therrien explained their summer camp to the Board:

- There is one complete week of camp. This camp has the campers build ramps, paint, repair roofs etc. for the elderly and less fortunate. This is a faith based organization, but you don't have to be of the denomination to be a part of camp.
- Social agencies in the area choose the homes and the organization works with guidance counselors to help families in the area. By the end of the week they've usually worked on 20-50 homes.
- Campers work at the homes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then are involved at camp activities at night. Campers are always supervised.

Judy Trow moved to approve the camp from anytime between August 1, 2009 – August 7, 2009 as long as it doesn't conflict with other activities.

Edward Bailev seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

Bus Stop:

Parents Mike and Joan Fowler have come to speak with the Board about the bus stopping for their thirteen year old daughter. They live in Georges Mills across from the store on Rte. 11; a very busy road. They are asking for an additional stop in front of their house all year around as the Transportation Director, Jim Hathaway, has already approved the stop during the winter. Sunapee Police Chief Mike Cahill agrees with the family.

Board said they will discuss and get back with an answer.

Preschool Lottery:

Terra Geer explained how Preschool students are chosen for the program. She would like to allow those 4yr olds who were in the program when they were three to remain there rather than putting them back in the lottery where they might not get a spot.

The Board agreed and said the lottery would only be for open slots that would usually occur in the 4yr old age group as they move up to kindergarten. Terra Geer will put the policy on the preschool lottery in the appropriate student handbooks.

Blodgett Property:

Brendan Minnihan gave the following report to the Board:

- Everett Pollard, Dan Bisson, Brendan Minnihan and Mike Trojano have all recently met.
- Everett Pollard and Dan Bisson will be working with the local construction company to get estimates for the project. It will take two to three weeks. This has taken longer than expected due to the fact that Mr. Pollard was waiting on Harriman to finish the designs.
- Ray Desmarais is getting cost estimates for lead and asbestos removal. He is taking samples this week.

Budget:

Brendan Minnihan explained to the Board and BAC members that the new teacher's contract has been ratified, but a joint statement hasn't been developed yet.

Kim Denney asked the following questions:

- Why are OT services down? Due to hiring of staff.
- Psych services have gone down, is that because we have hired staff there as well? No, we still need a part-time position.

- Is physical therapy up because of preschool? Yes.

Both BAC members had specific questions for Mike Trojano, Brendan Minnihan and the Board members. They recommend that the soccer field lights be put under the line item of "special projects". Also recommends that the Board explain how per pupil cost is figured to the public. Board explained that the question arises every year and they will explain again.

Manifest:

Kim Denney moved to approve the following:

A/P –

2010-13 = \$100,907.99

2010-14 = \$87,210.76

Payroll –

10 = \$355,795.09

11 = \$175,526.76

11.1 = \$128.52

Judy Trow seconded the motion

Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Items:

- Bidgen Property Update
- Skid School
- Budget

Non-public Minutes:

Kim Denney voted to go into non-public session under 91-A:3 II(c) at 9:13 p.m.

Judy Trow seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Roll Call –

Shaun Carroll, Kim Denney, Judy Trow, Edward Bailey, Brendan Minnihan, Jan Hattaway and Mike Trojano.

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Non-public

Discussion of bus stop request. Decided to maintain current policy of adding extra stop when first significant snow fall occurs (3"-5") until March 30th.

Motion By: Kim Denney to return to public session

Seconded By: Judy Trow

Judy Trow – Yes, Shaun Carroll – Yes, Ed Bailey – Yes, Kim Denney – Yes
Returned to public session at 9:32 p.m.

MOTION TO Adjourn BY: JUDY TROW

Seconded By: Ed Bailey

All in Favor – Yes
Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted By

Katherine O'Connor
School Board Secretary