

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SCES Library

February 8, 2017

Call to Order:

School Board Chair Skarin called the School Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Paul Skarin

Brian Garland - Absent

Heather Furlong

April Royce

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal

Terra Geer, Director of Student Services

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Jackie Balch, Student Representative

Matt Bouranis, Director of Facilities

Bob Lantz, Food Service Director

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jackie Balch and a moment of silence was led by School Board Chair Skarin.

Minutes:

April Royce moved to approve the public minutes of the January 11, 2017 School Board meeting as presented.

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda Review:

None

Public Forum:

None

Food Service Presentation – Bob Lantz:

Bob Lantz gave the following report to the Board:

- He handed out an overview of the program to the Board that shared the number of students served daily and the menu options available.
- He explained that menu creation must follow federal standards and guidelines.
- Discussed portion sizes for each age group and making sure all students get enough to eat.
- He brought snacks that are served in the school district to show the Board what is being offered and the portion sizes. The Board and public were given free samples of food items.
- He noted that products that are approved by the federal government to be served in school versus those that are not.
- Discussed the ServSafe training (food preparation and cleaning) that employees get certification in.
- Discussed the POS system (point of sale) that is used by the district for items to be purchased and for financial reporting to be completed. \$46K was processed in one month for food service.
- Discussed goals for the program for the upcoming school year; compliance with federal standards is number one.

A member of the public asked if it would better to not accept the federal money for the food service program, so that there were no government restrictions on what could be served, the price, etc. Bob and Superintendent Holden both explained that the District would lose access to free food product, federal dollars for certain programs, and they would no longer be able to have free/reduced lunch, which makes up 16% of the District population.

Student Representative:

Jackie Balch gave the following report to the Board:

- The National Honor Society is hosting a father/daughter dance fundraiser on March 25th for all ages.

- The Service Club will be holding a blood drive on March 8th.
- Students who made honor roll are very excited about the tubing trip they have earned.
- The ski team is hoping that the Board approves the overnight trip at tonight's meeting.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The annual spelling bee was held on January 26 with 39 students participating. Runner-up was Sophia Bourque, a fifth grader, and the winner was Jordan Roosevelt, a fourth grader.
- The annual service project by the fourth grade this year was to create Valentine's boxes for senior citizens. Inside them were donated treats and sundry items.
- The DOE did a Title I site to review SCES Title I practices. The final report hasn't been received yet, but they did point out improvement that can be worked on.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- The French students just returned from a weekend in Quebec City; they had a great time.
- Last Friday, Thomas Coverdale took a group of students to hike Mt. Cardigan.
- Mock Trial was this past weekend. They finished in tenth place out of 14-16 schools.
- The middle school held their annual geography bee. This is the second year in a row the same person won.

Special Education Report:

Director of Student Services Geer stated a team of four (Jodi Bergen, Jon Reed, Heidi Doyle and Sandy Olin) attended an assistive technology conference in January. They spent several days working on professional development. They also presented on executive functioning applications and did a poster session using assistive technology in school. Our team placed third out of 200 presentations by attendees of the conference.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- He went to the State House and heard the new governor speak this past week. There are many new bills and legislative changes up for vote.
- There is a new NH Dept. of Education Commissioner being voted in this week or next.

- Jon Reed is helping him create a movie for SCES presenting a day in the life of a SCES student.
- He is also working with Jon Reed on getting alumni more involved with the District, specifically how to make more connections.
- The American Heart Association will be conducting training on CPR and defibrillators.
- He is hoping for approval from the government by the end of the month on exchange students. Once approved, Sunapee can then be marketed to students overseas. It will probably still be a year or two before they get their first student.

Approve Proposed Red Parka Middle School Extended Ski Team Trip:

Heather Furlong moved to approve the proposed Red Parka Middle School Ski Championship extended field trip on February 15-16, 2017 as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Nordic Skiing State Meet Extended Field Trip:

April Royce moved to approve the proposed extended field trip to the Nordic State Meet on March 4-5, 2017 as presented.

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Principal Moynihan stated this is a new trip this year. More students are joining the Nordic ski team. This meet takes place in Gorham, NH.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed March Meeting Date:

Heather Furlong moved to approve the proposed change to the March Board meeting.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden explained that usually the meeting would be held on March 1st, but due to the Deliberative Session and budget hearings, both the January and February meetings were held on the second Wednesday of the month instead of the first. Board member Brian Garland was unable to attend because of this change due to his job. Currently, the meeting is scheduled for March 8th, but Brian will be unable to attend. If the meeting is moved to March 15th it will be one day after elections with the potential for two new board members. Superintendent Holden recommends keeping the date to March 8th

Heather Furlong moved to amend her motion to keep the March meeting to March 8, 2017.
April Royce seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous.

April Royce asked that the PTO be asked to move their monthly meeting to a different day as she has been unable to attend the January and February PTO meetings due to the scheduling conflict.

SMHS Program of Studies:

All Board members received a copy of the 2017-2018 SMHS Program of Studies in their packet. Principal Moynihan explained that the program of studies is given out each year to students. He explained to the Board how the program is laid out. He noted that there are few changes from the previous year, but more engineering courses are being offered. He stated the program of studies is available on the website. The 2017-2018 program will be on the website prior to the scheduling process.

Strategic Plan Update:

Superintendent Holden stated the committee met last week at SCES. The survey results were back and reviewed. Subcommittees were broken out to create goal statements. Another meeting will be held right before February vacation to collect goal statements. The goal statements will be brought forth to the Board at the March meeting.

After the Board approves the goal statements, they will be brought back to the Strategic Plan Leadership Team to develop an action plan. This will then be brought before the Board in either May or June.

Board Self-Evaluations:

Superintendent Holden reviewed the Board self-evaluations and the different categories. He noted that overall the Board gave themselves a 4/5 out of 6. The Board as a group feels that community relations are improving.

Superintendent Forum:

Superintendent Holden stated the next forum will be February 16th at SCES. He will discuss the budget, current legislation, and the impact of school choice on public schools.

SCES After-School Activities:

Heather Furlong read the list of spring activities and the corresponding names for each stipend. Principal Bergen discussed the newly created drama club, including timing, registration, and involvement of community members.

Manifest:

April Royce moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2017-14 - \$145,716.58
- 2017-15 - \$52,793.37

April Royce moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2017-15 - \$195,488.05
- 2017-16 - \$381,738.99

Heather Furlong seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

None

Agenda for March 8, 2017:

- Policy
- Strategic Planning Update
- Music and Art Presentation

School Board Chair Skarin noted to the public that elections are coming up in March and that five candidates are running for two positions. He noted all their names.

Non-Public Session:

None

Adjournment:

Heather Furlong moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary