

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Library

April 5, 2017

Call to Order:

School Board Chair Skarin called the School Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Paul Skarin
Brian Garland
Edward Andersen
Jesse Tyler

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent
Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator
Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Terra Geer, Director of Student Services
Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator
Jackie Balch, Student Representative

Pledge/Moment of Silence:

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

Minutes:

Edward Andersen moved to approve the public minutes of the March 8, 2017 and March 23, 2017 School Board meetings as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

3 – Yay, 0 – Nay, 1 - abstain

Agenda Review:

Under action items, move “F” – Fill Open Board Seat to after the first Public Comment and under informational items, move “C” – Community Conversation Update after Reorganization.

Public Forum:

None

Fill Open Board Seat:

Paul Skarin thanked the three participants in the interview process. He noted that Sue Cottling would be administering the oath to the new Board member. The new Board member will start serving tonight.

Jesse Tyler, Brian Garland, and Edward Andersen expressed their opinion for choosing April Royce.

Jesse Tyler moved to select April Royce to fill the open Board seat until the next election in March 2018.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Reorganization of the Board:

Chair

Jesse Tyler moved to select Paul Skarin as School Board Chair.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Edward Andersen stated that in the future, he would like to see the Chair be rotated every year.

Vote unanimous.

Vice Chair

Brian Garland moved to select Jesse Tyler as Vice Chair.

No second.

Jesse Tyler moved to select April Royce as Vice Chair.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Committees

- Negotiations – April Royce and Brian Garland
- CIP – Brian Garland and Jesse Tyler (Edward Andersen – alternate)
- Finance – April Royce, Edward Andersen, and Paul Skarin (Brian Garland – alternate)
- Policy – Paul Skarin and April Royce
- SCES – Jesse Tyler and Paul Skarin

Community Conversation Presentation (Alcohol Awareness Week) – Tim LaTorra:

Superintendent Holden explained that because of the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey done, a committee was formed to combat substance abuse issues in the District. Tim LaTorra is the physical education teacher at SMHS and is at the meeting with students from his health class to present on Alcohol Awareness Week.

Tim LaTorra, and three of his students, gave the following report to the Board on Alcohol Awareness Week:

- April is Alcohol Awareness Month and April 17-21 is Alcohol Awareness Week.
- He attended the Opioid Summit in New Hampshire where 8,000 students from across the State were in attendance. The DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) asked for help from the students for ways to combat the crisis.
- Alcohol Awareness Week is a week of activities that shows how alcohol affects you physically and socially.
- This event is being coordinated through all three health classes, which includes 28 students, and is meant to be proactive instead of reactive.
- The classes worked with the Sunapee Police department and the local media outlets to get the word out. The entire Sunapee community is invited. A letter has gone home to parents about the assembly and inviting them to attend. A press release was put in the paper stating why this event is important. There were also radio announcements and the stations are also attending the event.
- Bracelets have been donated to show support for the week. They will be distributed during the mornings when people come to school and during lunches.
- Data from the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey will be put around the school for people to read. Each day a daily statistic about alcohol will be read over the intercom.
- Guest speakers will be, Doug and Patty Hall, whose son died as a passenger with a drunk driver, and his best friend (driver of the vehicle). They will be speaking on April 17 at 1:00 p.m. Afterwards, there will be a presentation in front of a car on the front lawn that was in a drunk driving accident. The rain date for this event is April 18.
- On April 20, students will be able to drive a golf cart on a track with goggles that simulate what it feels like to be drunk.
- There will be student actors walking around telling their story.
- Students will be sending out the event, personally, from their Twitter and other social media accounts.
- At the end of the event, a survey will be sent out to all students.

Student Representative:

Jackie Balch gave the following report to the Board:

- The father/daughter dance was a success.
- Today, all juniors took the SAT's.
- On April 14, the high school will have a lock-in from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This is a student council planned event.
- On April 15, the seniors will hold their Color Run fundraiser.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- Afterschool clubs have one more week.
- Tomorrow the fourth and fifth grade will be heading to Boston to watch the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
- On March 31, UNH engineering students came to show students how to build amusement park rides with recycled materials.
- Boston Museum Science week will be held the week before vacation. The PTO is holding a science night on April 20.

SMHS Good News:

Sean Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- Senior Project Night is tomorrow. You can view the projects from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Lions Club Dinner will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the formal presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m.
- Two Destination Imagination teams competed; one made it to regionals and the second made it to States, finishing in fourth place.
- The Drama Club play "Lion King, Jr." was a success.
- The sixth grade will be having a Renaissance Fair through Project Sunapee.
- The varsity softball team has returned from Cape Cod and the varsity baseball team will be heading there this week.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- He commended the health classes on the great job they have done on putting together the events for Alcohol Awareness Week.

- There have been conversations around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). The administration is thinking of potentially creating a STEAM space. Currently, the engineering program is being moved into the health room. Small renovations are being made with the shop room students planning it out. The CAD and engineering students are working together on this project.
- He thanked Chief Cahill for donating the bracelets for Alcohol Awareness Week.
- He noted that all juniors now take the SAT's, per the NH DOE, as an assessment instead of the SBAC. This not only helps the State data reporting, but also the students.

Approve Proposed Graduation Date:

April Royce moved to approve the June 9, 2017 graduation date as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Certified Faculty:

April Royce moved to approve the certified 2017-2018 faculty as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

April Royce asked how many faculty are considered part-time. Superintendent Holden replied two.

Superintendent Holden stated that currently they are looking for a third-grade teacher and a school psychologist.

Approve Proposed Administration:

April Royce moved to approve the administration positions for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Field Trips:

Jesse Tyler moved to approve the proposed field trips to Gettysburg and the SMHS lock-in as presented.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Principal Moynihan stated the Gettysburg trip has been going on for 13 years. The eighth grade goes during spring-elective week. He explained the itinerary to the Board.

Vote unanimous for the Gettysburg trip.

Student Representative Balch explained how the lock-in night is setup and the activities during the night. She noted that a parent must pick-up a student for the student to leave.

Vote unanimous for the SMHS lock-in.

Approve \$40,000 from School Facility Capital Reserve:

Jesse Tyler moved to approve spending up to \$40,000 from the School Facility Capital Reserve Fund for paving the back-parking area at SMHS.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden explained that two years ago a warrant article was put in front of the voters to pave the front of SMHS. The front was approved, but the next year the back area failed through a warrant article. There is currently \$186,289 in the reserve fund. The back area needs to be done due to erosion.

Edward Andersen asked if it is possible to do a skim coat over the top and then bring forth the paving again through a warrant article.

Jesse Tyler moved to amend his motion for information on alternatives to be found through the CIP committee and brought forth to the Board at the May meeting.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Spring Coaches:

April Royce moved to approve the 2017 spring coaches as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approval of Selling of Equipment – Cheer Mats:

April Royce moved to approve the selling of the SMHS cheer mats as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Superintendent Holden stated the mats were purchased in 2012 for approximately \$2600 when there was a cheerleading team; there hasn't been a team for the last couple of years due to a lack of interest. Principal Moynihan also recommended selling them due to a lack of space.

Vote unanimous.

Lower Main Street Construction and Paving Project:

Superintendent Holden stated the project will start on April 17-May 5, from the SAU office to route 11 and up on Main St. into the harbor. Lower Main St. will have one-way traffic only; police assistance will be present.

Heart Safe Community:

Superintendent Holden stated that April 7 is a professional development day. There will be multiple different sessions for faculty, but the entire staff is being CPR trained. This is in coordination with New London Hospital and the American Heart Association.

Student Exchange Program Approval SEVES (Student Exchange Visitor Information System):

Superintendent Holden stated the program has been approved. He is now working with the program to put a video and message together as marketing materials. All exchange students will need to know English. He is hoping for one student to start. They could begin this September or in January of next year.

Jody Mansun, Sunapee resident, asked what the difference is between this program and regular exchange programs. Superintendent Holden responded that cultural exchanges do not charge, but academic ones do; this is an academic program.

Manifest:

Brian Garland moved to approve A/P manifest:

- 2017-18 - \$128,990.18
- 2017-19 - \$53,401.90

Brian Garland moved to approve payroll manifest:

- 2017-19 - \$284,350.92
- 2017-19.1 - \$12,334.09
- 2017-20 - \$373,133.52
- 2017-20.1 - \$13,757.17

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

4 – Yays, 0 – Nays, and 1 - Abstain

Public Forum:

Jody Mansun, Young Hill Road, stated she feels the school should also touch upon sleep deprivation with students and driving.

She noted that she has just received information on training concerning the Right-to-Know law and hopes the Board has the information and will attend.

She noted that she is disappointed in the unanimous approval of the administrator's contracts.

John Augustine, Sunapee resident, noted that the Board should state the cost of trainings and field trips.

Karen Spanos, Stagecoach Lane, stated she is also upset with the unanimous approval of the administrator's contracts.

Superintendent Holden stated he is working with the Southwest Educator's District to hold a large Board training, through NHSBA, for all the Southwest districts. He will inform the Board when this training is scheduled. If they cannot make it, then there are other dates or he can set-up a training in the District.

Edward Andersen noted that he would like the Board to hold a meet and greet prior at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next Board meeting in May. Superintendent Holden will schedule it.

Agenda for May 3, 2017:

- CIP – Parking Lot
- Policy
- Nomination of Staff
- Senior Project Process Presentation

Non-Public Session:

None

Adjournment:

Edward Andersen moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

April Royce seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary

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