

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Music Room

February 8, 2018

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
Edward Andersen
Jesse Tyler
April Royce - Absent

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal
Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator
Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal
Jackie Balch, Student Representative
Ray Palin, SMHS Teacher

Pledge/Moment of Meditation

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

Minutes:

Superintendent Holden stated that there was a request from two members of the public to add letters they wrote into the public minutes. He noted that the official minutes of the Board are taken by the Board's secretary. In the Board secretary's December minutes she stated the letters were added to minutes without Board approval first. Superintendent Holden asked the secretary to state in the January minutes that the public addition was a request, so the Board could decide.

Superintendent Holden explained that if the Board adds public letters to minutes, then they will need to each time it is requested or it could be seen as a viewpoint discrimination if they deny a request.

Superintendent Holden also noted that the Board's policy on minutes is for the secretary to note motions, votes, and describe the essence of the meeting; not to take verbatim minutes.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the public minutes of the January 10, 2018 budget hearing as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Jesse Tyler moved to approve the public minutes of the January 10, 2018 regular Board meeting as written by the Board secretary.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda Review:

None

Public Forum:

None

Youth-Risk Behavior Survey Presentation - Sean Moynihan

Sean Moynihan gave the following presentation to the Board:

- This survey was taken by SMHS ninth through twelfth graders in the spring of 2017.
- This year's YRBS did not have all the State averages for every category.
- Alcohol use is at or near the State average, but has decreased from 2015.
- Bullying is below the State average and has decreased from 22% in 2015 to 18.9% in 2017.
- Drug use is at the State average, but has decreased since 2015. 22.3% of students stated they had used marijuana in the last 30 days, but is less than in 2015.
- Under the category of "tobacco", electronic vape use has risen.
- Sexual and dating violence has decreased from 14% in 2015 to 7.6% in 2017.
- Students with sad or suicidal thoughts has declined since 2015 and is below the State average. Students who stated they have purposefully hurt themselves has also declined.
- Under the category of "vehicle", most students said they wear their seatbelts, but 20% stated they had ridden with a driver who had been drinking, but that is down from 2015. He noted that the alarming statistics was that 46% stated they had texted or emailed while driving.
- There was an increase in students who had not had a checkup or physical. Many students noted being physically active and having good diets.
- Too much screen time, including television, computer, and phone were noted.
- This survey will be put on the website.

Jesse Tyler asked if there is a plan for the vaping and other issues that were of concern. Principal Moynihan noted that these issues are discussed in health class. He also stated that vaping is hard to catch due to the lack of smell.

Superintendent Holden noted the Community Conversations Group that was started in response to the last Youth-Risk Behavior Survey will be putting something together again for the community. He is working with Chief Cahill on the project.

Jesse Tyler asked if SCES worked with students on these issues as well. Principal Bergen stated that the health education classes discuss heart health, but there is no concerted effort for the other issues.

Student Representative Report:

Jackie Balch gave the following report to the Board:

- The Boys Varsity Alpine Team will be competing on February 12 at 12 p.m.
- The Girls Varsity Alpine Team will be competing at Mt. Sunapee on February 13.
- The play *Tom Sawyer* will be held on March 22 and 23.
- The Destination Imagination middle school teams will be competing on March 17.
- Next Friday, February 16, those who made honor roll last quarter will be going to Dartmouth to watch a hockey game.

SCES Good News:

Jodi Bergen gave the Board the following good news:

- The spelling bee was won by fifth grader Adriana Kangas on January 23.
- Winter Activities ended today.
- Students and staff participated in the Great Kindness Challenge at the end of last month.

SMHS Good News:

Assistant Principal Reed gave the Board the following good news:

- Chief Justice Broderick presented on the program R.E.A.C.T on January 23. The presentation was on mental illness.
- Six scholar athletes were recognized in Concord.
- On February 23, the College and Career Ready Fair will be held. The focus this year is on soft skills.
- There will be a blood drive on March 7 from 1-6 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- Chief Justice Broderick's presentation is on YouTube. 250 students attended as well as the Commissioner of Education.

- He attended a legislative review where he learned over 100 pieces of legislation that could affect schools is either on the floor or being reviewed.
- He is sending the Board an email with the superintendent and Board evaluations. This is an opportunity for the Board to give feedback. These evaluations will be reviewed in April.
- A group called the Teen Institute is working with 13 regional public health networks to engage with parents. Sunapee has offered the town library. They will be holding an event to speak with parents in either Sunapee, New London, or Newport.

Strategic Plan Update:

Principal Bergen gave an update on each of the goals. On the January 16 Professional Development Day, the staff used their time to work on competency based education, reviewing and revising collaborative teams.

All classes are integrating STEAM activities. There is a media integrator in classroom helping in content areas. Next Friday, February 16, there is an all-student field trip to the Newport Library Arts Center to see the Black and White exhibit.

There is a year-long math consultant. There are also two math & science evenings being held this spring.

Principal Moynihan stated that staff also used the January 16 Professional Development Day to work on the Strategic Plan. Competencies are ahead of schedule; teachers reviewed existing classes and some new ones. Other staff worked on Response to Intervention.

There is a group working on increasing discussion on social/emotional issues during advisory. There is also discussion of creating mixed age advisory for grades seven through twelve.

There is a feedback group; this is a pilot group of teachers that has created a survey that is going out in February.

Lastly, there is discussion around having course offerings that surround game design and engineering where there is no introductory course.

SMHS Stipend Positions:

Superintendent Holden asked to table the spring sports approval until the next meeting and just approve the winter sports and extracurricular activities. Chair Skarin approved.

Jesse Tyler moved to approve the SMHS winter sports and extracurricular activity stipends as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Chair Skarin read the names of those in the positions.

Approve Proposed Dual Enrollment Agreement:

Superintendent Holden stated that this is with the River Valley Community College. This allows eleventh and twelfth grade students to take STEM program and receive high school and college credit that is transferable. Currently, Sunapee classes are not aligned, but it allows students to take two classes for free. There is an advanced coursework policy in place.

Jesse Tyler moved to approve the dual enrollment agreement as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Accept Public School Infrastructure Funds SMHS \$17,480:

Superintendent Holden explained that he had applied for the grant to help pay for remodeling the front entrance to enhance security for the front office and school.

Edward Andersen moved to accept the public school infrastructure funds for SMHS in the amount of \$17,480.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Accept Public School Infrastructure Funds SCES \$56,000:

Superintendent Holden explained that he had applied for the grant to help pay for remodeling of the SCES front entrance to make it more secure for the safety of staff and students.

Edward Andersen moved to accept the public school infrastructure funds for SCES in the amount of \$56,000.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Approve Proposed Spending from the Sunapee Facility Capital Reserve Fund:

Jesse Tyler moved to approve proposed spending up to \$10,000 from the Sunapee Facility Capital Reserve Fund for improvements in safety to the SMHS main entrance.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Approve Proposed Spending from the SCES Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund:

Edward Andersen moved to approve proposed spending up to \$20,000 from the SCES Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for improving safety to the SCES main entrance.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Approve Proposed SMHS 2018-2019 Program of Studies:

Principal Moynihan noted that there are no changes at this time.

Jesse Tyler moved to approve the 2018-2019 SMHS Program of Studies as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Approve Proposed Property and Liability Program CAP Contract Primex:

Business Administrator Wessells stated the District signed up with them a couple of years ago, so a new contract is needed. The cap is at 9%, but the last two years has seen 3.4% and 4.6%.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the Property and Liability Program CAP contract with Primex as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

SCES Extracurricular Positions:

Principal Bergen stated this is informational only. These are the positions that run the clubs.

NHSBA Board Training Documents:

Superintendent Holden stated he has given them information from the NHSBA on board emails with the public and board roles/responsibilities.

SMHS Extended Field Trip to Mock Harvard Congress

Principal Moynihan stated that this is the same trip that is taken every year. Those involved will be recognized at the end of the school year.

Manifest:

Jesse Tyler moved to approve A/P manifests:

- 2018-14 - \$127,956.33

Jesse Tyler moved to approve payroll manifests:

- 2018-14 - \$380,540.26
- 2018-15 - \$388,804.91
- 2018-16 - \$212,176.34

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Public Forum:

Shaun Carroll, Sunapee resident, discussed the Deliberative Session and the petition warrant article asking for teacher negotiations to be made open to the public. He discussed past practice and how that has been good for all parties involved. He would like to see it kept in non-public.

Agenda for March 7, 2018 at the SCES Library:

- Spring sports
- SCES Reading and Language Arts Presentation

Non-Public Session:

None

Adjournment:

Edward Andersen moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kate O'Connor
School Board Secretary