

# Sunapee School Board Meeting

## SMHS Music Room

April 4, 2018

### Call to Order:

Superintendent Holden called the School Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He stated that there are two new Board members - Scott Ritzmann and Jim Borelli.

### Reorganization:

Edward Andersen moved to nominate Jesse Tyler as Board Chair.  
Brian Garland seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous.

Jesse Tyler moved to nominate Edward Andersen as Vice Chair.  
Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous.

The Board discussed and decided on the following Board committees:

- Capital Improvements - Scott Ritzmann and Jim Borelli (Edward Andersen - alternate)
- Finance - Scott Ritzmann and Edward Andersen (Brian Garland - alternate)
- Negotiations - Edward Andersen and Brian Garland (Jesse Tyler - alternate)
- Policy - Scott Ritzmann and Edward Andersen (Jesse Tyler - alternate)
- SCES Facilities - Jim Borelli and Jesse Tyler (Brian Garland - alternate)

### Roll Call:

Jim Borelli  
Brian Garland  
Edward Andersen  
Jesse Tyler  
Scott Ritzmann

### Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent  
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal  
Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal  
Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal  
Terra Geer, Director of Student Services

Ray Palin, SMHS Teacher  
Jackie Balch, Student Representative

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Chair Tyler.

Minutes:

Edward Andersen moved to approve the public minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

2 - Yes, 0 - No, 3 - Abstentions

Motion passed.

Agenda Review:

Superintendent Holden stated there is an addition of a resignation under action.

Public Forum:

**Jan Bettancourt**, Sunapee resident, recommended to the Board that the Board and Superintendent evaluations be completed earlier in the year. She feels the new members shouldn't be taking the evaluation since they were just elected.

Junior Class Job Shadow - Myles Cooney

Myles Cooney, SMHS guidance counselor, gave the following presentation to the Board:

- All Juniors are required to take economics.
- They then meet with the guidance office to discuss their future plans. This helps the guidance office find a job shadow prospect in the community.
- The job shadow runs from four hours to eight hours; it can even be longer.
- The job shadow is step one of their senior project and is vocationally driven.
- Student representative, Jackie Balch, talked about her experience at Hypertherm and then getting an internship at CRELL.
- He stated there have been a variety of job shadows, including merchant marine, stockbrokers, and going to Hypertherm or Colby-Sawyer College.
- This program helps engage the students with the workforce.

Student Representative Report:

Jackie Balch gave the following report to the Board:

- Tomorrow, April 5, is Senior Project night starting at 5:15 p.m.
- Prom will be held on Saturday, May 5 at Dexter's Inn.
- The Senior Class is holding a 5K Color Run fundraiser on Saturday, May 5. All proceeds go to the Junior class.

#### SCES Good News:

Principal Bergen gave the following report to the Board:

- The talent show, featuring student acts from grades 3,4,5, will happen tomorrow, April 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sherburne Gym.
- There are two Destination Imagination teams, one from the elementary and the other from the middle school, going to the State tournament this weekend.
- The spring after-school clubs have started. There are approximately 65 students participating. There are four clubs being led by high schools students too.
- The spring drama performance will be on Thursday, April 19, at 6 p.m.

#### SMHS Good News:

Principal Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- The spring play, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer", was held last weekend and garnered much positive feedback.
- 31 high school students took a trip to NYC to watch a Broadway play.
- The middle school Destination Imagination team competes this Saturday, April 6.
- Graduation will be held on June 15.
- The Senior trip this year will be a Red Sox home game at Fenway Park.
- Prom is Saturday, May 5.
- The SAT scores have been announced. Sunapee is in the top ten in NH, and seventh highest overall, with an average score of 1140.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- Thanked the community for passing the budget and warrant articles.
- On Wednesday, May 2, there will be school board training through the NHSBA in Concord. He recommends moving the May Board meeting from Wednesday, May 2 to Thursday, May 3, so that Board members can attend.

Jim Borelli moved to change the May meeting from the 2nd to the 3rd at 7 p.m.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

- Thanked Jon Reed for his help creating a team drive for the Board in Google. He has made folders as a reference point that includes policies, training documents, current budget, RSA's, and the Right-to-Know law.
- Gave an Advisory Budget Committee update - two of the volunteers spoke to the town regarding the budget process. They both stated it was good and received all relevant information.
- The District administration is reviewing whether it is possible to pay for a social worker/adjustment counselor out of the current budget. They are also looking to create an in-house elementary autism program.
- Next school year, on the first Professional Development Day, West Central Behavioral Health will present an eight hour class on mental health.

#### Strategic Plan Update:

The administrative team is updating the official strategic plan document to put on the website.

#### Approve Proposed Administration Positions for 2018-2019:

Jesse Tyler read the nomination list to the public.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the proposed administration positions for 2018-2019 as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

#### Approve Proposed Certified Teaching Positions for 2018-2019:

Jesse Tyler read the nomination list to the public.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the proposed certified teaching positions for 2018-2019 as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

#### Approve Proposed Graduation Date of June 15, 2018:

Edward Andersen moved to approve June 15, 2018 as the proposed graduation date.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Principal Moynihan noted that graduation will be held in the Sherburne Gym.

Confirm Vote on Change of Schedule, April 6 PD Day:

Superintendent Holden stated that this was to confirm the Board vote taken over email.

Edward Andersen moved to confirm the vote on the change of schedule for the April 6 PD Day.  
Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Confirm Vote for Spring Coaches:

Superintendent Holden stated that this was to confirm the Board vote taken over email.

Scott Ritzmann moved to confirm the vote for spring coaches.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Principal Moynihan stated that they are very close to getting a middle school baseball coach.

Pre-Approval to send DI Team/s to Global Competition, Knoxville, TN, May 23-25, 2018:

Principal Moynihan stated that the kids and parents pay for the students to attend.

Superintendent Holden noted that the District pays for the coaches to attend.

Edward Andersen moved to pre-approve sending the DI teams to Global competition in Knoxville, TN from May 23-25, 2018.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstention

Approve Proposed 2018-2019 Tuition Rates: K-8 \$12,560 and 9-12 \$13,500

Superintendent Holden stated the District is maintaining tuition in line with other local schools. Currently there are 29 tuition students - 7 at SCES, 10 in middle school, and 12 in high school. The District could take more over all the grades. Tuition students come from Croydon, Goshen, Weathersfield, VT, and Unity. A bus service has been offered, but no has taken it up.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the proposed 2018-2019 tuition rates for K-8 and 9-12 as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Accept Resignation of SCES Teacher:

Superintendent Holden stated that he will conduct an exit interview.

Edward Andersen moved to accept the resignation of Lisa Colburn, kindergarten teacher, as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Construction Project Bridge #103/100 over Sugar River:

Superintendent Holden reported that there is congestion by the Sherburne Gym, and will only get worse, until the end of June. Eventually there will be five traffic lights installed at some point. Buses have been put on different routes to help with pickup and drop off times.

Community Conversations:

Superintendent Holden stated that there have been a few meetings this year, including one being held next week. Parents and community members are invited to listen to the Drug Commander for the State of NH. The conversation will focus on the YRBS (Youth-Risk Behavior Survey) and vaping.

Board Self-Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation:

Superintendent Holden stated that the evaluations were sent to the past Board at the end of January. He asked for responses by the end of March. He decided to include the new Board members as well. The closing date is now April 30. These are public documents.

List of SCES Extra-curricular Appointments:

Chair Tyler read the names to the public.

Manifest:

Edward Andersen moved to approve A/P manifests:

- 2018-18 - \$105,462.37
- 2018-19 - \$68,530.43

Edward Andersen moved to approve payroll manifests:

- 2018-18 - \$225,819.87
- 2018-19 - \$489,530.43

- 2018-20 - \$417,094.63

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Public Forum:

**Jan Bettancourt**, Sunapee resident, stated she has been talking to other school districts and how they assess graduation rates. She recommends the District research using Student Track to help see where high school graduates go and how they do.

Jan also invited the Board to meet with Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut on April 14 to hear him speak on assessments and accountability.

**Katie Flint**, Sunapee teacher and community member, thanked the community for always supporting teachers. She also stated that the teachers did not want negotiations made public as was put forth in a warrant article.

Agenda for May 3, 2018 at the SMHS Music Room:

- Student job shadow experiences
- Copier bids
- Support staff nominations
- SAU nominations
- New programs
- Student handbooks
- STEAM Team presentation

Non-Public Session:

None

Adjournment:

Edward Andersen moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kate O'Connor  
School Board Secretary