

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SCES Media Center

May 3, 2018

Call to Order:

Chair Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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
Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator
Ray Palin, SMHS Teacher
Jackie Balch, Student Representative
Jon Reed, Teacher
James McDonald, Teacher
Scott Legendre, Teacher
Kirk Romein, Teacher

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Minutes:

Jim Borelli moved to approve the public minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting as presented.
Edward Andersen seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous

Edward Andersen moved to approve the April 18, 2018 SCES Facilities Committee minutes as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstention

Agenda Review:

Added "Action item" - Resignation

Deleted "Action item" - Overnight field trip

Public Forum:

A member of the public politely asked Chair Tyler to please speak louder.

Chair Tyler stated that he, Scott Ritzmann, and Jim Borelli had attended the NHSBA annual school board training. They all stated how helpful it was for them.

STEAM Team Presentation:

Four teachers from SCES and SMHS gave the following presentation to the Board:

- STEAM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.
- There is a STEAM Committee at both schools.
- The SMHS team has created goals around the STEAM initiative.
- In Kindergarten they have been creating animal shelters and learning about forward motion.
- A Makerspace has been created at SCES and the same teacher also holds an annual Cardboard Challenge, which has become a big event.
- Starting in middle school the students are able to take computer engineering, computer science, computer programming, and Gateway to Engineering, which includes automation.
- At the high school level there is computer science, introduction to engineering and design, and introduction to programming.
- There are two pre-engineering classes in high school, as well as, a principle of engineering class.
- The team has many ideas on how to expand the program. They would like to get more girls involved. Currently there are 18 middle school students taking the classes and the high school classes are always full.
- The high school has modernized the woodshop space. The students learn design, CAD, and electrical engineering.
- The students have built storage racks and have even done carpentry on houses.

The Board was very interested in the presentation and thanked the team for the presentation.

Student Representative Report:

Jackie Balch gave the following report to the Board:

- The senior and junior class Color Run is being held on May 5. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the run starts at 9 a.m.
- Senior Project night was held and everyone passed
- Softball, baseball, and track have begun.
- Seniors are getting ready for graduation.
- AP exams are coming up soon.

This was Jackie's last meeting as she will be graduating next month. Chair Tyler thanked her for her service and gave her a gift from the Board to show their gratitude.

SCES Good News:

Principal Bergen gave the following report to the Board:

- The two Destination Imagination teams competed. The service-learning team made first place and will be going to the global competition in Tennessee.
- Kindergarten orientation will be held on May 11.
- The annual sixth grade Nature's Classroom yard sale will take place on May 12.
- The chorus will be singing the National Anthem at the Fisher Cats game on May 18.
- The Student Showcase will be held on May 31. This includes math games and activities (which was cancelled in March), prize speaking competition, the art show, and chorus and band concerts.

SMHS Good News:

Assistant Principal Reed gave the Board the following good news:

- The Lion's Club put on their annual scholarship supper on Senior Project Night.
- Alcohol Awareness Week was held in April. Different activities and PSA's involved students to help give them awareness to drinking, including drunk driving.
- The middle school held an activity night instead of a dance in April.
- Thanked the Salt Hill Shanty who gave part of their dinner proceeds to help the Service Club.
- SMHS held a Girls Technology Day.
- There were two Destination Imagination teams in the middle school. One will be attending global finals; this will be their fifth time at globals.

- A biking club has been started at SMHS to help involve those who are not participating in a spring sport.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- The CTE Advisory Council is considering some potential changes at the vocational level.
- Alumni surveys went out this week.
- The new front entrance at SCES is 96% finished. This was done to upgrade security.
- A food service audit was conducted in April.
- The administration is planning for the professional development days in August.
- SB 193 has been pushed back into interim study.

Strategic Plan Update:

Principal Moynihan stated that the team has piloted a survey of students at the middle and high school level. This year, students only surveyed eight teachers. The survey has 20 questions. The first of the results are coming in. It is a good, reflective tool that they hope to refine and give out for all teachers next year.

The committee is also contemplating starting a high school advisory group.

Approve SCES and SMHS Handbooks:

Principal Bergen stated there are no significant changes to the SCES handbook. She might make one change at a later date.

Principal Moynihan stated that there are no major changes for the SMHS handbook.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the SCES and SMHS 2018-19 student handbooks as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Athletic/Extracurricular Handbook:

The Board and administration discussed if all changes had been made.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the proposed athletic extracurricular handbook for 2018-2019 as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Approve Copier Bid:

Superintendent Holden explained that the District is buying and not leasing and are using monies from the fund balance to make the purchase. This purchase includes one copier at the SAU, two at SCES, and two at SMHS. He recommends the bid of \$49,965 from Specialized Purchasing Consultants. This vendor is different than the last company they used, but has come highly recommended.

Edward Andersen moved to approve the copier bid of \$49,965 as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Adjustment Counselor Position:

Superintendent Holden explained that this is the title he has given the new position that was introduced during the budget process this past year. The position's salary will be between \$45K-\$60K. The District is looking for someone with a masters in social work.

Brian Garland moved to approve the proposed adjustment counselor position as presented.

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Autism Teacher Position:

Superintendent Holden explained that the number of autism students is increasing. The District is proposing to develop a program at the schools to keep students in-district instead of sending them to specialized schools. The District can use grant funds and out-of-district funds to fund the position at SCES. This saves money over the long-term.

Jim Borelli moved to approve the autism teacher at SCES as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Spending of up to \$25K from the SMHS Roof Fund:

Superintendent Holden stated that the flat part of the SMHS roof needs to be done. There is currently \$150K in the reserve fund. A scan of the roof has been done and quotes have been received.

Edward Andersen moved to approve spending of up to \$25K from the SMHS roof fund for the SMHS roof as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Accept Resignation of SCES Teacher:

Superintendent Holden stated that SCES teacher Rebecca Lorden has resigned.

Edward Andersen moved to approve Rebecca Lorden's resignation as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed MOU with Honeywell for Infrastructure Renewal Report:

Superintendent Holden stated that Honeywell will concentrate on SMHS and the Sherburne Gym. They will conduct this infrastructure review at no cost. The review looks at needs at the locations and indoor environmental issues. They will then suggest important measures to help reduce costs, give a financial analysis, and identify budgetary pricing.

Scott Ritzmann moved to approve the proposed MOU with Honeywell for an infrastructure renewal report as presented.

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Spring Coaches:

Brian Garland moved to approve the spring coaches for 2018 as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Community Conversations:

On May 10, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Abbott Library, a community conversation surrounding drug and alcohol use, including vaping will be conducted. Principal Moynihan, Chief Cahill and a member from the NH Drug Task Force will be in attendance.

Proposed Support Staff and SAU Certified Staff and Directors:

The lists of support staff and SAU certified staff and directors were given to the Board as informational items.

NHSBA Board Training:

Chair Tyler again stated the Board members in attendance learned a lot and were glad they attended.

Manifest:

Brian Garland moved to approve A/P manifests:

- 2018-20 - \$95,234.75
- 2018-21 - \$95,584.61

Brian Garland moved to approve payroll manifests:

- 2018-21 - \$316,598.18
- 2018-22 - \$409,430.60

Edward Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

Thomas Gosselin, Windy Hill Rd., asked if the Board can review the traffic pattern now that the new traffic lights have been installed.

Agenda for June 6, 2018 at the SMHS Music Room:

- New hires
- Summer projects
- Committees

The Board discussed the upcoming committee and Board meeting schedule. They typically don't meet in July.

Non-Public Session:

Chair Tyler moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) personnel at 8:45 p.m.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Adjournment:

Edward Andersen moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kate O'Connor

School Board Secretary