

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SCES Library

December 5, 2018

Call to Order:

Chair Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Jim Borelli

Brian Garland

Edward Andersen - Absent

Jesse Tyler

Scott Ritzmann

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Meagan Reed, SMHS Asst. Principal

Jodi Bergen, SCES Principal

Terra Geer, Director of Student Services

Ray Palin, SMHS Teacher

Blaise O'Mara, Student Representative - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Tyler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Jim Borelli moved to approve the public minutes of the November 7, 2018 Board meeting as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

3 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstention

Jim Borelli moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2018 budget meeting as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

3 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstention

Jim Borelli moved to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2018 SCES Facility Sub-Committee meeting as presented.

Jesse Tyler seconded the motion.

Approved by consensus.

Scott Ritzmann moved to accept the policy committee minutes of November 28, 2018 as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Approved by consensus.

Agenda Review:

None

Public Forum:

Chair Tyler stated the District has made an effort to improve the audio quality of the Board meeting videos held at SCES.

Student Representative Report:

Blaise O'Mara was unable to give his report due to his participation in basketball.

SMHS Good News:

Principal Moynihan gave the Board the following good news:

- Noted that it is odd that the District has had two snow days by December.
- The November 19 and 20 play, "Beauty and Beast", was cut short by the snow storms last month.
- A public forum was held with a professional speaker on the subject of the dangers of vaping. About 25 parents came to the event.

SCES Good News:

Principal Bergen gave the following report to the Board:

- The elementary drama production had a packed house the first night, but due to the snow storms, both the second night and the makeup night were canceled.
- The holiday concert will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m. in the Sherburne gym.

- The Social-Emotional Learning Group has been learning photography, framing, and posing. They will be creating the yearbook this year.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the following report to the Board:

- The District will be watching the amount of snow days this year and see how they will affect the calendar for the end of the year.
- Administration has been busy with budget, negotiations, and creation of warrant articles.
- The District's new social worker organized the public forum event on vaping; he was thankful for their help.
- He reiterated the SCES holiday concert on Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m. and noted the middle school holiday concert on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Policy:

Brian Garland moved to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- JICJ - Unauthorized Communication Devices
- JICBB - Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Scott Ritzmann explained that the changes to the policies are due to new legislation and the review/changes made by the committee. Information is posted on the website for the public to view the changes.

Vote unanimous

Jim Borelli moved to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- AC - Non-Discrimination
- ACD/GBED/JICG - Tobacco Products Ban Use Possession In & On School Facilities & Grounds
- ADB/GBEC - Drug-free Workplace & Drug Free Schools
- BEDG - Minutes
- EBCA - Crisis Prevention & Emergency Response
- EHB - Data/Records Retention
- EHB-R - Local Records Retention Schedule
- GADA - Employment References & Verifications (Prohibiting Aiding & Abetting of Sexual Abuse)
- JCA - Change of School or Assignment - Best Interests
- JEC - Manifest Educational Hardship

- JIC - Student Conduct
- KEE - Website Accessibility & Grievances

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Disposal of Old Sports Banners:

Superintendent Holden stated the District has a number of old banners from the decades past that they would like to donate to the Booster Club, who will then sell the banners for money to be used for scholarships. Ads will be posted on the school website for the Booster Club selling the banners.

Scott Ritzmann moved to approve the disposal of the old sports banners as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Spending of up to \$50K from the SMHS Capital Reserve Fund for HVAC Controllers:

Superintendent Holden explained that, during the snow storms last month, SMHS lost power. The main controls were down for eight hours, came back on, and then went out again for four more hours; they should have only been off for three to five minutes. This puts the school at a great risk.

The District insurance company, Primex, is coming to conduct an insurance assessment. He and the Facilities Director are recommending spending up to \$50K to install a new main controller that is wired in and more energy efficient. He was planning on proposing this to the Board in the spring, but then the storm happened. He is concerned that the next time a storm occurs, the school will lose power for three to five days and then the pipes will freeze.

The Board wondered if the outage was due to being surge related. Superintendent Holden responded that the company Honeywell, who the District had already begun using for energy efficiency projects, will be coming to review the old controller.

Currently, there is \$176K in the capital reserve fund. He states it is probable the entire \$50K will be used for this project.

Jesse Tyler moved to approve the spending of up to \$50K from the SMHS Capital Reserve Fund for HVAC Controllers as presented.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed Purchase of New Student Transportation Vehicle up to \$50K:

Superintendent Holden stated that the old bus has 194K miles on it and has broken down. They have found a 2016, 14 passenger bus, 7,500 miles, and a wheelchair lift for \$50K. This money would be coming out of this year's budget.

Brian Garland moved to approve the purchase of a new student transportation vehicle up to \$50K as presented.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

SCES Facility Committee:

Chair Tyler stated the committee has been busy. They have received feedback from more of the community. There is a lot of interest in the open house being held tomorrow night. He noted that everyone recognizes that SCES is an old school. He explained issues with the building and the consequences of the decisions/choices that need to be made.

Jim Borelli noted that the open house aims to to show what positive improvements will be made to the school.

Chair Tyler noted that there will be a full Board meeting on January 9, 2019 where the committee will make recommendations to the Board on how to proceed. There will also be discussion about the project at the Deliberative Session on February 4, 2019.

NHDOE Sunapee School District Student Support Compliance Report:

Superintendent Holden noted that the District has received perfect compliance on this report for the last four years and commended Student Services Director, Terra Geer, for her work.

Honeywell SMHS Facility Report:

Superintendent Holden stated that Honeywell has conducted a report for the District in 2016 and this year. There are many high-efficiency changes they are recommending; they have created a list, but he would like them to give a presentation to the Board between February-April. There is potential savings from the improvements, but it will cost close to \$2M for the entire project.

Sunapee School District Enrollment Data:

Chair Tyler handed out enrollment data that was compiled for the NHDOE. It shows enrollment from 1980 and the fluctuations that have occurred. This enrollment data is what helps to drive the SCES Facility Subcommittee's SCES choices.

Manifest:

Scott Ritzmann moved to approve A/P and payroll manifests:

- 2019-09 - \$56,940.34
- 2019-10 - \$118,753.81

- 2019-09 - \$366,704.03
- 2019-10 - \$228,348.58

Brian Garland seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Public Forum:

A member of the public stated they appreciate the SCES building, culture, staff, and community and are behind the project that needs to be done, for their family and others.

Agenda for January 9, 2018:

- Bond Hearing - 5 p.m.
- Budget Hearing/Warrant Articles - 6 p.m.
- SCES Facility Subcommittee Proposal
- Policies

Non-Public Session:

Jim Borelli moved to enter non-public session under 91:A - 2 I (b) - Negotiations at 7:25p.m.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Roll Call - Jesse Tyler, Jim Borelli, Brian Garland, and Scott Ritzmann

Scott Ritzmann made the motion to come out of non-public session at 8:20pm.

Jim Borelli seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Brian Garland made the motion to ratify the STA 2020-2023 Contract.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstention

Jim Borelli made the motion to adjourn the public meeting.

Scott Ritzmann seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kate O'Connor

School Board Secretary