

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD JOINT MEETING WITH FREMONT

October 3, 2012

A joint meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board and the Fremont School Board was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Chairperson Nancy Ross in room 137, Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Janice Bennett, Vice Chairperson
James Doggett
Cheryl Gannon
Rebecca Hallisey
Wendy Miller
Dustin Ramey
Nancy Ross, Chairperson

FREMONT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Greg Fraize
Deb Genthner
Ida Keane, Chairperson
Andy Kohlhoffer, Vice Chairperson

ADMINISTRATORS:

Michelle Langa, Fremont Superintendent
Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools
Carol Coppola, Business Manager

EXCUSED:

Jennifer Pomykato, Dir. of Student Services

The meeting began with the salute to the flag. Ms. Ross welcomed the Fremont School Board.

INTRODUCTIONS

Starting with the Fremont School Board, everyone introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Blake began the meeting by stating that the Fremont/Sanborn tuition agreement states there will be three annual meetings between the two school boards. This is a twenty year tuition agreement which began in 2006. Fremont tuitions all their high school students to Sanborn.

Ms. Keane requested that long term planning be discussed at the next joint meeting. Dr. Blake introduced Mr. Brian Stack, high school Principal. Mr. Stack thanked both School Boards for the

opportunity to speak before the boards. Mr. Stack has set a goal with his administrative team to be a premier high school in the State of NH. He spoke of learning communities, student engagement and the climate and culture at the high school. He spoke of grouping teachers together into teams. He said a transition process was implemented for all eighth grade students. Ms. Ann Hadwen, Assistant Principal, was named to work with the incoming eighth grade students. He spoke of the Freshman Learning Community.

Mr. Kohlhoffer asked what the Magna Award was. Mr. Stack replied that Sanborn had received the 2012 Magna Award based on: innovative programs, best practice research, programs that make a difference. The Freshman Learning Community allows students to work together with a core group of teachers.

Ms. Keane asked if there are any reports on how Fremont students are doing academically? Mr. Stack replied there are not. She stated she would love to see how Fremont students are doing academically. Mr. Stack said he felt this is doable. Ms. Bennett explained that the high school has worked hard not to segregate the schools/towns from which the students come. Ms. Keane stated this information was strictly educational to see how well the Fremont students have been prepared – not to compare. She’s not looking for student names; she’d like a general snapshot. Ms. Gannon asked if there was any ongoing talk about aligning the curriculums. Ms. Langa said that Fremont is working on curriculum mapping and that there are plans to coordinate efforts so the Fremont students come to Sanborn prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bart Noyes of Kingston asked if Fremont receives the School Board Essential News? Yes. Mr. Noyes asked if Fremont has impact fees? Yes. He asked about long term planning and demographics. He stated he would like to “plant a seed” to include Fremont in the planning of the old high school (seminary) campus to convert to the middle school. He stated that the middle school is an issue for both towns. “Now is the time”. Mr. Kohlhoffer stated that Fremont is currently working on a CIP and that the schools will be part of the CIP. Ms. Keane asked if there was a formal study to build a new middle school? No. Ms. Genthner asked if foreign language was taught at the middle school? Yes. Foreign language is not offered in Fremont middle school. Mr. Stack reported that it is primarily Newton and Kingston students participating in the music program. Ms. Gannon stated it was a SB goal to study K-12 foreign language program. Ms. Keane asked if a Fremont representative could sit in on the study? Yes. Mr. Stack reported that Fremont students are approximately 30% of the hs population.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ross asked if the Fremont kindergarten program was a full day program? Yes. Ms. Gannon asked if there was any feedback on Fremont students going to Sanborn? Ms. Langa stated that the feedback was fairly positive. Ms. Keane stated she hears that there are “happy parents”.

Mr. Stack stated that the hs works hard to make all students feel that this (the high school) is their school. Mr. Kolhoffer asked if there was still turmoil in the math program? Mr. Stack replied that unfortunately there was still some turmoil. The hs hired three new math teachers this year. A math coach was appointed. The high school is making progress. Mr. Stack spoke of the algebra program. A high school math teacher goes to the middle school in the morning to teach the algebra class.

Ms. Ross made a motion at 7:20 PM to adjourn the joint meeting. Mr. Doggett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

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SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by Chairperson Nancy Ross in room 137, Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston, NH. The regular School Board meeting followed a joint school board meeting with Fremont.

The following were recorded as present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Janice Bennett, Vice Chairperson
 James Doggett
 Cheryl Gannon
 Rebecca Hallisey
 Wendy Miller
 Dustin Ramey
 Nancy Ross, Chairperson
 Molly Statezni, Student Council Representative

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools
 Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services
 Carol Coppola, Business Manager

REVIEW AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the minutes of both the public hearing and the school board meeting and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. Ms. Gannon made a motion to correct the minutes to read: Page 3 Under New Business: **Dr. Blake apologized to Mr. Noyes regarding the change in the agenda order. By changing the order, there was no opportunity for public comment.** Mr. Doggett requested that on Page 3 under Co-Curricular Assignments the wording be changed to: **elect the co-curricular nominees.**

Ms. Ross polled the board to accept the minutes as corrected. All in favor.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Payroll #7 - \$739,132.99; Accounts Payable #9 - \$2377.08; Accounts Payable #10 \$515.89; and Accounts Payable #11 - \$843,264.25

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Blake introduced Mr. Sandy Rutherford, Middle School Principal. Mr. Rutherford introduced Ms. Lisa Collibee and Mr. John Croteau who gave a presentation on the Innovative Lab Conference that they attended at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC, along with Mr. Rutherford, Ms. Becky Sanborn and Ms. Ellen Hume-Howard. Students will be introduced to Project Based Learning (PBL) during Advisory Class. A discussion between the school board members and the middle school staff followed the presentation and PBL was discussed. Ms. Ross stated it was a wonderful presentation and thanked the presenters. "Sounds great, please keep us informed."

A change in the agenda: Dr. Blake stated that the Overnight Field Trip under New Business would be moved to follow the Administrative Reports. Mr. Evan Czynowski made a presentation for an overnight field trip to Germany, Poland, Czech Republic to take place April 20-29, 2013. After some discussion, Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the trip and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion, contingent upon the new itinerary. All in favor. Seeing as there were some unanswered questions concerning the amount of chaperones. Mr. Czynowski asked that the request be tabled until the next meeting so he could check some facts with the tour company. Mr. Doggett withdrew his motion. The field trip request will be tabled until the next school board meeting..

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Bennett reported that the Negotiations Committee meeting would be discussed during the non-public session.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross stated she attended the high school homecoming. She stated there was a nice turnout. The freshman won the head count and best float. The juniors won overall. It was a great day, a lot of fun. The spirit of homecoming continues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noyes stated he understands the concerns about the field trip. He felt there was good conversation and hopes that when the field trip request comes back before the school board it will be approved. Mr. Noyes spoke of an article in the Union Leader about the Farm to School Program. He requested that the school board consider a presentation from Café Services on the program. He said that local food to schools is a good idea. Ms. Miller stated that the school menus note that they are a proud sponsor of the NH Farm to School Project.

Dr. Blake introduced Ms. Andrea Angie. Ms. Angie is a CAGS candidate at Plymouth State and she's shadowing Dr. Blake. As part of her project, she's doing an analysis of the district's Strategic Plan.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon attended the Memorial School walk/run/fun day. She stated there was a really good turn-out. It was a nice family/community event. Ms. Hallisey attended the high school open house. She wished more attended. She also attended homecoming – would like to see more attend this as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement with Bank of Montreal: Ms. Coppola gave a presentation on Procurement Cards. She stated that employees aren't always able to get the lowest prices from vendors because some vendors do not accept purchase orders. She also spoke of administrators putting purchases on their personal credit cards in order to get better pricing. She told of administrators making purchases for their schools and then getting reimbursed. The procurement cards would be paid off each month and would be issued only to administrators. The procurement cards would have limits. There are many ways to limit access. Mr. Doggett requested to see the agreement. Ms. Coppola will have a copy he can review. Mr. Doggett made a motion to go forward with the procurement cards with the requirement that they not be implemented until a Policy and Procedure are in place, Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

Dr. Blake distributed the enrollment reports as of October 1, 2012. He received the SBA Resolutions which will be scanned and sent out to board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Noyes said he endorses the procurement cards so long as there is propriety and control. He asked if a thank you could be put in the next Essential News to the local farmers who participate in the Farm to School Project and asked if a tab could be put on the district website on the Farm to School Project.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Doggett said that the Graingers started the Farm to School Project years ago. Mr. Doggett reported that the SST tuition will be increasing approximately \$134 per student. School Board members signed up for November events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 7:00 PM, in room 137 at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA91-A:3 Ila Early Retirement

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:24 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Thank you to Ms. Hallisey and Ms. Miller for their cooking skills – brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

Respectfully submitted,

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