

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by Nancy Ross in the School Board Room, 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
Nancy Ross, Chairperson

EXCUSED: Katherine Ulcickas, Student Council Representative
Dustin Ramey

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

REVIEW AGENDA

Add Budget and Policy to School Board Committee Reports and e. Policies under New Business.

MINUTES

Mr. Doggett moved to approve the April 18, 2012 minutes, public and non-public, seconded by Ms. Bennett. The vote was 6-0-0 to approve after the following clarifications: on page 2, line 10 under Unfinished Business, insert the word *privately* before fully funded and on page 2, line 15 under Admin. Reports, change the word *electives* to *programs* after the word PE.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #37 – \$752,354.00 and Payroll 22 - \$767,152.97.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. NSBA Magna Award – Ms. Ross recalled the presentation of this award to the district two weeks ago which was given for the achievement of the Freshmen Learning Academy and its team. She stated that over a 1000 schools apply for the award and 25 were chosen, Sanborn High School being one of them. She read a list of statistics that have changed since the implementation of the FLC, where all negative categories such as discipline incidents, had decreased. Four members of the team who were present came forward to be recognized and were given a standing ovation. The meeting took a brief recess from 7:26 pm to 7:40 pm to enjoy cake and fruit.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance – Ms. Ross said that they met April 23 and approved several budget adjustments, looked at the preliminary financial projections prepared by Ms. Coppola, and went over finance policies.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

b. Budget – Ms. Gannon reported that they met April 19 and introduced new members, accepted Wendy Miller’s resignation, approved the appointment of Tom Gasse to the Committee, nominated officers, heard Ms. Coppola’s current year budget update, and read committee member Roger Clark’s comments via letter since he could not be in attendance. They made tentative plans to meet again on June 19, 2012.

c. Facilities – They met tonight at 6:10 and went over their mission statement and discussed the projects which will be presented tonight for approval under New Business. They also heard from the Touchdown Club regarding a new press box.

d. Policies – Ms. Bennett reported that they went over the policy mission statement, the year in review, and the policies that come from the State that will be brought forward to the School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENT

Ms. Ross referred back to her opening comments under Administrative Report and again offered her congratulations to the Freshmen Learning Academy for their Magna Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston thanked Ms. Sargeant for her accurate recording of his frequent public comments, saying that she manages this in spite of not knowing exactly where he’s coming from. He told the Board that at least for Kingston, the write in votes necessary to nominate a candidate are 10 and that he/she may decline. Mr. Noyes referred to the last Board meetings and comments that were made concerning the lack of probability for additional PE staff being hired because of the economic times. He read from several newspaper articles about the rise in home and boat sales in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts in recent months and an article quoting business owners saying that they didn’t expect the economy to worsen. He finished by saying that perhaps NH voters will vote more optimistically and that rather than suggest what why we can’t do what needs to be done, we should learn from recent positive trends and suggest otherwise.

Tammy Gluck of Newton announced that the High School now has a PTO and they are hosting a fundraiser (comedians) on the evening of May 18th at 8 pm at Sawyers in Plaistow; she distributed the flyers for the event around the room.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Doggett commented that the Policy meeting wasn’t truly a meeting as they had no quorum present. **Ms. Bennett** said that the Magna Award luncheon was a wonderful experience advocating public education; that Sanborn was the only New England recipient, and she thanked the team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resignations – Mr. Doggett motioned for the approval of the resignations from Kristin Achilich, Patricia Lohnes, and Eric Schoenenberger at the High School and Elaine Bodwell, Cori Gallegos, Susan Hodson, and Kristen Kwiecien from the Bakie School. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 6-0-0.

b. Leave of Absence – Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the leave of absence request from Melanie Tremblay at the Memorial School. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 6-0-0.

c. Attic Insulation/Ventilation-Bakie/Memorial Schools – Ms. Coppola explained that an engineer looked at the attics of the buildings and saw signs of damage from ice dams due to lack of insulation/ventilation; seeping moisture in the buildings, condensation on the walls which caused peeling paint, heat loss, etc. She said she received a sealed bid from the construction manager for \$194,135.00 and that this was one of four sections of a total project. She added that this would be

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

paid from the 11-12 unexpended fund balance. Mr. Doggett asked her when we had hired a construction manager and added that this wasn't the year to start spending the unencumbered funds. Ms. Gannon asked her to elaborate on the four sections. Ms. Miller asked her how much the total was for all four sections (about \$800,000). Mr. Doggett asked her to explain the breakdown of the projects and she answered that he was at the meeting when the breakdown was made. Ms. Bennett and Ms. Hallisey both agreed that taking care of this project was a positive move and would ensure that increased damaged and future costs would be prevented. Ms. Gannon asked for a breakdown of the \$194,135 between the two schools (\$69,358 at Memorial, \$124,777 at Bakie). Ms. Gannon asked how much would be left in the unexpended fund balance after (about \$760,000). Mr. Doggett stated that having this done through project management was not our model. Ms. Coppola replied that Facilities approved a project/construction manager three years ago. Ms. Bennett motioned to approve the funding of the project, Ms. Hallisey seconded and the vote was 5-1-0 (Doggett against).

d. Bakie School Windows Replacement - Ms. Coppola explained that this project had been slated in the CIP for July but had been removed from the budget to cut costs but could now be funded from the unexpended fund balance due to the urgency to replace. She said the cost would be \$128,675, that most of the existing windows were inoperable, didn't allow fresh air into the buildings and were causing moisture issues in the administrative offices and the preschool. Ms. Gannon stated that she wished this had been on the agenda before they voted on the attic ventilation and insulation. Mr. Doggett said that he had heard this same speech before the project was cut out of the regular budget and that he also wished it had been placed on the agenda before the other project just voted on. Ms. Ross commented that we didn't realize the magnitude of problems when it was cut and that it would be fiscally responsible to take care of it now since we have unexpended funds to do so. She also added that there was no order strategy in place when the project items were put under New Business. Ms. Coppola added that projects **c and d** on tonight's agenda go hand in hand and that insulation goes in the same areas where the windows are being replaced. Ms. Bennett motioned to approve the project, Ms. Hallisey seconded and the vote was 5-1-0 (Doggett against).

e. Policies – Ms. Bennett went over the adjustments to Policies GCBB and GDB. The Board discussed adjustments made under health insurances on page 3 of 5 in GCBB and made some changes in wording to mirror wording in GDB. Ms. Bennett motioned to approve those policies as revised with a second by Mr. Doggett and the vote was 6-0-0. Mr. Doggett motioned to accept policy GDB as revised with a second by Ms. Bennett and the vote was 6-0-0. Mr. Doggett motioned to approve the following policies as final, not for first reading: EEE, EBBB, EBA, EBA-E1, DFB, and DFB-R. Ms. Bennett seconded and the vote was 6-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT

Two letters from SREA President Karen Ladd concerning the bargaining for the two contracts.

WRITTEN INFORMATION

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Policy Committee report

PR Committee report

Finance Committee report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bart Noyes of Kingston spoke to the two projects at the elementary schools, saying that the secondary benefits for completing them were energy savings and safety.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon asked how the district was doing on numbers of resignations compared to other years. Dr. Blake responded that the trend has slowed. She asked for numbers to be given at the next meeting. **Mr. Doggett** asked for the number of people who didn't renew their contracts; for what reasons and how many.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next regular meeting of the **Sanborn Regional School Board** will be held on **Wednesday, May 16, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.
- b. The next **Budget Committee** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 19, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Sanborn Regional High School, Room 100, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 IIc – Legal

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 9:51 pm. Ms. Sargeant polled the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Therese Sargeant
School Board Secretary

Minutes of school board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the school board