

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chairperson 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
Dustin Ramey
Molly Statezni, Student Council Representative

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools

EXCUSED:

Jennifer Pomykato, Director of Student Services
Carol Coppola, Business Manager

The meeting began with the Salute of the Flag.

REVIEW AGENDA

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 13, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. Ms. Gannon made a motion to correct the minutes under Administrative Reports. On page 1, she asked that "kindergarten" be inserted before Memorial School's presentation to read, "Kindergarten Intervention Block pilot study". On page 4, Ms. Gannon asked that the request to Mr. Stack for the statistics on the amount of students going on to technical schools and add "those statistics be broken down by gender". Ms. Ross polled the board, All in Favor to make corrections.

MANIFEST

The following manifest was signed by the School Board: Accounts Payable #42 - \$592,729.26 and Payroll #26 - \$2,330,441.28.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Bennett reported that the Negotiations' Committee held an informal exchange of ideas for the upcoming contract negotiations.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Ms. Ross stated that this would be the last School Board Meeting before adjourning for the summer. She wished everyone a restful and nice summer. Ms. Ross reiterated the fact that the Board members need to be out in the public, letting them know what the School Board does and why they do it. She reminded Board members to remain positive and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Ms. Ross welcomed Molly Statezni again to the School Board. She asked if there was a policy in place for the Student Council Representative. Ms. Bennett replied yes and made it clear to Molly that she was a full participant in the meetings. Ms. Ross added that the Student Representative attends the second School Board meeting of the month and that she is welcome to add agenda items.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Gannon said she was not sure if the meetings were a time to question manifest items. She had some questions on the manifest. If this is not the appropriate time, when is? Ms. Ross said she could speak with the Business Manager before or after the meeting. Manifest questions have never been part of the meetings. Dr. Blake stated that questions are welcomed, and the time to ask them would be before or after the meeting. Ms. Ross stated that the members would be receiving the manifest electronically during the summer. Members can either come into the SAU office and sign the manifest or sign them electronically.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Overnight Field Trip: Dr. Blake made a short presentation on the Middle School Ferry Beach Ecology field trip in the Fall. He noted that the trip was originally held in the Fall, but in recent years had changed to the Spring. By holding the trip in the Fall, the District will receive a substantial discount. The Middle School staff also uses the trip as a valuable tool at the beginning of the school year so that students from Kingston and Newton get to meet each other at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the trip and Ms. Ross seconded the motion. There were some questions about the actual costs listed on the field trip requests. Dr. Blake stated that if the School Board members approve the trip in theory, that he would make sure the contract will have the appropriate corrections made. Ms. Bennett added that she felt the chaperones be given the Policy regarding chaperones and field trips and appropriate behavior. Dr. Blake stated that there is a policy in place and appropriate behavior by the chaperones is expected. All in favor.
- b. Modular Classrooms: Dr. Blake stated an inspection was made of the modular classrooms at the Memorial School and the Middle School. The inspection identified a number of issues which include: moisture issues, puddling around the buildings, falling insulation that is susceptible to mold. Horne Construction has submitted a proposal to correct these issues. Dr. Blake stated the funding for the project will come from the energy savings during the school year. Dr. Blake stated that the modules were put in as a temporary fix in 1998 and are still being used. If the corrections are made, then the District would be looking at another six years of use. Ms. Bennett made a motion to accept the Base Proposal by Horne and was seconded by Ms. Hallisey. Mr. Ramey asked if this was an ongoing problem. The answer was yes. The buildings were not built on slabs, but were built on pilings. Mr. Doggett expressed concern that this project is being brought in at the end of a "spending spree". He said this is distressing and he is

against the project. Ms. Miller asked if this was extra space. Ms. Ross replied “no” the modules are needed space; they are active/needed classrooms. All in favor of repairing modules, one against – Mr. Doggett.

- c. Superintendent Permission to Employ during summer: Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve; Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. Ms. Gannon asked how many more positions need to be hired, Dr. Blake replied not many.
- d. Middle School Calendar Request: Dr. Blake said that the Middle School requests that only the sixth graders start on the first day of school, and the seventh and eighth graders would begin on the second day. Mr. Doggett made a motion to discuss. Ms. Ross asked what would the first day for sixth graders consist of. Dr. Blake responded that it would be an orientation; the students would learn their way around the building; and find and learn to use their lockers. All in favor of the sixth graders going to school on the first day and the seventh and eighth graders would begin on the second day of school.

Dr. Blake handed out information on Post-High School Plans and College Acceptances for the class of 2012. He also handed out a list of professional nominations for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Doggett made a motion to accept the nominations and Ms. Bennett seconded the nomination. Dr. Blake said that the kindergarten and first grade classes were reaching their limits according to School Board Policy and that he is keeping a close eye on the enrollments. He said there was a potential of hiring two more first grade teachers - one at the Bakie School and one at Memorial School to be in compliance with the policy regarding class size.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Although there was no public comment time scheduled for tonight’s meeting, Ms. Ross recognized Ms. Leanne Quimette of the Bakie School. Ms. Quimette has been organizing the outdoor classroom and personally wanted to thank the board for their support. She said this means a lot to the students and community; they are ready to go and are very happy. This is a great addition to the District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Sanborn Regional High School (Room 100), 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

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

Mr. Doggett motioned to enter into non-public session at 7:03 PM. Ms. LeBlanc polled the Board. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School District Clerk

Minutes of the School Board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the School Board.