

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

May 13 2014

Somersworth City Hall

7:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Austin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm upon call of the roll the following members were present: Rivers, Gibson, Pepin, Philpott, Brennan and Bolduc. Absent: Paradis and Austin.
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Lampros stated that last week was teacher appreciation week and today at our staff meeting we discussed that there are a lot of things that teachers do that she would like to recognize publicly such as checking in with students, volunteer as coaches, and support in many other ways that are not visible. She stated that they go above and beyond the call of duty and she would like to thank them from the bottom of her heart. She stated that they also had a fatal reality car accident with two fatalities as part of their drug and alcohol awareness and all the services were donated which shows that they are part of our community of caring. She stated that we also had four AP exams last week and a moose on school property. She stated that the prom was on Saturday and we received kudos from the police department on how good the students were. She stated that they have a blood drive on Friday and a literacy workshop tomorrow. Peschel stated that National Association for the education of Young Children defines professional development as initial preparation and learning experiences designed to improve the knowledge, skills, behavior, and attitudes for the early childhood workforce. He stated that the NAEYC provisions ensuring a quality early education programs is necessary to have a highly qualified workforce for the early childhood field. Professional development provides a path to achieving this goal. Many states have credentials some required and some voluntary, our system in New Hampshire is a voluntary system. He stated that he is pleased to announce that Kelley Scardinia has been a credentialed as a master teacher level two and Lindsay Colbath has earned the early childhood teacher level four credential and both these individuals are staff members at the Topper Tots Early Childhood Development Center. He stated that we are proud that even our youngest students in SAU 56 are being cared for taught by highly qualified educators.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None
 - 3.2 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Philpott to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - April 29 2014-Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
 - April 29 2014- Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Non Public Meeting
 - Thank you letters to Michael Quigley and Diana Pettis from Virginia Barry NHDOE
 - Mayor Community Forums
 - Enrollment- May
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to congratulate Noreen Lavorgna for being selected as the Somersworth Teacher of the year; she will be honored on Friday at the annual dinner. She also echoed the wonderful efforts of the city in the fatal reality accident. She thanked Bob Belmore, the city council and the department heads for donating their time and effort to the project.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - 5.1 **SYC Presentation with Mike Quigley and Maureen Jackman:** See attached presentation.
 - 5.2 **BOARD REPORTS:**

Building, Grounds & Transportation: Rivers stated that they met today and Andy Lucier gave updates on things that are going on. He stated that last week on Wednesday we had a power failure on memorial drive and cemetery road which caused fuses and motors to go and caused various problems. He stated that we got things back in order but we lost a couple of hundred dollars' worth of food and the insurance company won't cover what was lost and the bill is going to

be about \$9,000 that we will have to cover and we have the funds in the maintenance line. He stated that in regards to the HVAC project for the additional units we are hoping to do two and that is moving forward. He stated that the bidders that are interested will do a walk through this Thursday and based on that the bids will come in and we will open them on the 26th and then we will bring a recommendation forward to the full board. He stated that this summer we will have the asbestos abatement at the middle and high schools. He stated that it is one classroom at the high school and we will be finishing up the middle school. He stated that this will all be completed by the end of the summer. He stated that before it can be done we need to do the locker replacement and those bids will be coming forward to the board. He stated that we have a broken sewer pump at the Middle School that Andy is working on a plan to replace when school gets out. He stated that Andy also indicated that we needed to re-sod the football field and we are working on bids for that. Gibson asked him to expand on the \$9000 that is uncovered and asked if there is a reason that it was not covered. A motion made by Gibson seconded by Joanne Pepin to suspend rules to allow Andy Lucier to speak. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Lucier stated that we lost motors, compressors and fuses. He stated that the insurance company will only cover national disasters or act of god. He stated that we don't know what caused the outage and PSNH is not responsible. He stated that we are responsible for covering. Joanne Pepin stated that in regards to sodding the football field you need to check with the Children's festival as they will be using memorial drive.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.3 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that at the last meeting they approved the teacher contract and it passed all in favor and they really appreciated the effort that the staff and teachers put into it.

5.4 Student Representative Report: Dan Orzechowski: Orzechowski stated that on June 6th there will be a pops night where the chorus and jazz band will be playing music. He stated that last year the music department profited \$2000. He stated that the state scholars went to Fisher Cats stadium. He stated that there were over 300 student state scholars. He stated that there is a blood drive on Friday by NHS. He stated that tomorrow night is the senior fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse from 4-9 to raise money for the senior banquet at Governors inn and project graduation at Dave and Busters.

6. ACTION ITEM:

6.1 Approval of the 2014-15 Handbooks: A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Philpott to approve the 2014-15 handbooks with the changes directed to the Superintendent. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Supt. Mosca stated that under the consent calendar are the Mayor's community forums just as a reminder. Joanne Pepin stated that at large has two dates and she is only available for one. Supt. Mosca stated that ward 2 is on the 7th not the 14th.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: Supt. Mosca stated that the next meeting is May 28th.

8.2 Budget: None

8.3 CTC Renovation Update: Supt. Mosca stated that the next meeting is tomorrow.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **May 15 2014- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **May 27 2014- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **June 10 2014- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **June 12 2014- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

Brennan stated that the meetings scheduled on June 3rd and the 17th have been cancelled and replaced with June 10th.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 Board Members: Brennan stated that the SYC presentation was fantastic and is a fantastic program. She has utilized the program and seen its benefits. She stated that spring cleanup day was amazing, she participated and has a fantastic time and 100 people participated.

11. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Philpott seconded by Joanne Pepin to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A; 3, II (b) Personnel and 91-A: 3, II (e) Negotiations. VOTE: Upon roll call vote the motion passed, unanimously. Exited into nonpublic session at 7:45pm. A motion made by Bolduc seconded by Gibson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited nonpublic session at 8:15pm.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the nomination of Jennifer Vachon. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Philpott to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval