

## SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

May 27 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, Paradis, Austin and Bolduc.
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Mike Quigley thanked the high school band and chorus that came to Maple Wood and Idlehurst and did a fantastic show and great Memorial Day presentation of really great music. He thanked Mr. Lagarde, Mrs. Mctague and the students. Dana Hilliard stated that they are excited to be a part of the scholarly diner at NELMS for the first time. He stated that two eighth grade top scholars will be going, Bailey Haines and Mathew Tomblin. He also thanked the American Legion Veterans of Foreign War for going to Forest Glade Cemetery with 40 students that made wreaths, the veterans spoke about the true meaning of Memorial Day and then the students chose graves and placed the wreaths on the graves. Sharon Lampros stated that they met with SASS to discuss the possibility of programs at the high school. She stated that they are looking at a program in September or October on healthy relationships during the wellness classes embedding them into sex education and the drug and alcohol units. She stated that SASS also developed a presentation on the undetected rapist which is targeted for seniors going to college.
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 Paradis to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
    - May 13 2014-Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
    - May 16 2014- Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Non Public Meeting
    - Maple Wood Newsletter-June
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - 5.1 **Life of an Athlete Program-High School-Krystyna Smith:** See attached presentation. Paradis stated that in regards to cyber images it should include forwarding any inappropriate images because a lot of kids don't know that is a crime. Smith stated that the NHIAA stated that it doesn't matter when it is taken if it is out there it will count against them. Gibson stated that he is glad to see this and the amount of involvement from the students. He stated that he is glad to see that it is not a zero tolerance policy because it is his personal feeling that zero tolerance doesn't work in the long run and this helps them to find ways to correct their mistakes.
  - 5.2 **BOARD REPORTS:**

**Building, Grounds & Transportation:** Rivers stated that they met last Thursday and again today. He stated that the sewer pipe issue at the middle school that was broken Andy informed us today that has been taken care of. He stated that in the packet they have some bids that they would like them to consider. He stated that the first one relates to the middle school lockers. He stated that they had three bids Debourgh for \$60,189.17, Global industries for \$27,680.36 and School Furnishings for \$17,514.98. He stated that Mr. Hilliard is confident that School Furnishings can do the job so the committee recommends that the board award the bid to School Furnishings with a \$10,000 contingency to cover other expenses. Gibson asked if there is a significant reason why they came in so low. Hilliard stated that if you know the dealer well you can get a good deal and we have done a lot of work replacing the furniture with them so they were able to give us the Cadillac of lockers at a pinto price. He stated that they originally came in at \$80,000 because we thought that we needed to do wall repair and retile the wall but Andy and I have worked closely on getting solutions to that in order to get the price down. He stated that he is comfortable in this

case and they guarantee their work and if there is a problem they will replace them. He stated that we need the contingency because we don't know what is behind the walls. Gibson asked why Debourgh is so high at \$60,000. Hilliard stated that it is the same product and same work being done. He stated that in any school replacements and furniture it runs that wide of a gamut. He stated that it is always good to hunt and he is comfortable that it is the same quality. Joanne Pepin asked if he thinks that the \$10,000 in contingency is enough. Hilliard stated that the plan is that they will come in on the 20<sup>th</sup> rip the lockers out and if nothing is behind there than we are good. He stated that if there is some asbestos then there is an abatement happening in that hallway anyway. Gibson asked if we find asbestos we are obligated to stop work and the abatement will have to start and in that case the \$10,000 wouldn't be enough. Hilliard stated that if you feel a higher amount is needed for the worst case we can do that. Paradis asked if there are any plans that would tell us that. Hilliard stated no. Supt. Mosca stated that Andy feels very comfortable with what we have recommended here. Austin stated that one of the other bids tonight is for asbestos and the removal is for \$37,000 for the whole project so the \$10,000 seems sufficient. Gibson stated that he understands what they are saying but at the same time we could put on to add a higher amount in case of asbestos given our experience with the buildings. He stated that he would like to see a larger contingency built in. Bolduc stated that he is not in favor of increasing the contingency. He stated that there is \$60,000 left over from the \$80,000 so he is sure that if there is anything over the \$10,000 were going to be able to pay for it. Joanne Pepin stated that we budgeted \$80,000 and if we approve this it will be the \$17,000 plus the \$10,000, where does the rest go. Supt. Mosca stated that we will continue to look at the CIP projects that need to be done and it would be done through the building, grounds and transportation committee and then to the board. Rivers stated that the second bid is for the asbestos abatement and floor replacement. He stated that we received three bids for the abatement and the committee recommends that the board award it to One Source in the amount of \$37,000. He stated that they received three bids for the floor replacement and the committee recommends that the board award the bid to Floor Crafters in the amount of \$83,870.23 with a \$5,000 contingency for the project. He stated that the third bid is to replace the sod on the football field. He stated that they received two bids that are very similar and the committee recommends that the board award the contract to AJ Cameron Sod Farms as they are the only vendor that actually came to measure and view the site in the amount of \$11,760 with a \$1,000 contingency. Austin stated that they will vote on these under action items. He asked if there is any resolution to the HVAC units at the high school due to the electrical surge. Supt. Mosca stated that they will be repaired or it could have already happened.

**Curriculum and Activities:** None

**Policy Committee:** None

**5.3 City Council Update:** Marty Pepin stated that there is nothing new to report.

**5.4 Student Representative Report: Dan Orzechowski:** None

## **6. ACTION ITEM:**

**6.1** A motion made by Paradis seconded by Gibson to accept the bid from school furnishings in the amount of \$17,514.98 with a \$10,000 contingency. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. A motion made by Paradis seconded by Gibson to accept the bid from One Source for the middle school asbestos abatement in the amount of \$37,000. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Paradis to accept the bid from Floor Crafters for the middle school floor replacement in the amount of \$83,870.23 with a \$5,000 contingency. Gibson asked if the contingency is \$5,000 per bid or total for both. Supt. Mosca stated both. Gibson asked why it was so small. Supt. Mosca stated that Andy feels very comfortable as we have used One Source time after time on the asbestos and based on the amount of work they have done he feels comfortable. Gibson stated that given that we

have had issues with the floors and the ground shifting are we sure we don't have the potential for that issue. Supt. Mosca stated that we have been doing the abatement work one room at a time and we haven't had any issues with the flooring so we feel confident. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the bid from AJ Cameron Sod Farms for the High school sod replacement on the football field in the amount of \$11,760 with a \$1,000 contingency. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee:** Paradis stated that the next meeting is tomorrow at 4pm at the SAU office.

**8.2 Budget:** Austin stated that the update is in the packet as of May 21<sup>st</sup> and there is currently \$49,000 available at this point.

**8.3 CTC Renovation Update:** Paradis stated that the next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 at the CTC.

**9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **June 10 2014- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **June 12 2014- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **June 25 2014- Rollinsford School Board Retreat**
- **July 22 2014- Somersworth School Board Retreat**

Austin stated that he wanted to remind everyone of the school board retreat on July 22. Joanne Pepin asked what the retreat is. Austin stated that it is a time for us to meet in workshop mode and look at the big picture and where we are going. Bolduc stated that as a suggested agenda item, at the end of the meeting we go into nonpublic where no action is taken and then we come out into public session and take a vote. He stated that nobody in the public gets to see that because the control room goes home. He stated that he would like to see that when we take a vote we make that part of our announcements so that it is part of a public meeting. Austin stated that the votes are reflected in the meeting minutes. Bolduc stated that a lot of people get their information from the television and not the meeting minutes. Austin stated that they will take it under advisement.

**10. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**10.1 Visitors:** None

**10.2 Board Members:** Gibson thanked Mr. Hilliard for his work on the lockers. He stated that he hopes that when it is all said and done that the downtown will be as beautiful as the pictures. Joanne Pepin stated that she commends the athletes because a commitment like that is commendable. She stated that she likes that it is not a zero tolerance because she doesn't know any perfect people and the AD should be commended for all she does to guide them but also let them lead themselves. Austin stated that he rarely hears comments about things in the school unless they are negative but he has heard so many positive comments on the fatal reality so he wants to congratulate the high school on an outstanding event. He stated that as we look forward to the end of the year he wants to remind everyone that we are not there yet so students don't give up yet. He stated that he would like to thank the staff and administration for their work that is very evident. He thanked the students for pouring themselves into the programs and getting as much out of it because the results are showing and there are good things happening in Somersworth. He stated that he personally really appreciates the efforts that go into making our schools in the district top notch. He stated that this was his first real exposure to Life as an athlete and he was very impressed with the program and what the students came up with and they are being tougher on themselves and it is a tough program to hold them accountable 24/7 365 days a year. He stated kudos to the students and others who put it together.

- 11. NON-PUBLIC:** A motion made by Brennan seconded by Paradis 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 8:05pm. A motion made by Paradis seconded by Brennan to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited nonpublic session at 8:35pm.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to accept the resignation of Evan Hall. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion made by Gibson seconded by Philpott to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval