

## SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

Somersworth City Hall

7:00 pm

**1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Supt. Mosca called the meeting to order at 7:00pm upon call of the roll the following members were present: Rivers, Austin, Paradis, Gibson, Wentworth, Pepin, Philpott, Brennan and Bolduc.

### 1.1 Election of Officers:

- **Chairperson:** A motion made by Bolduc seconded by Paradis to nominate Don Austin as Chairperson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
- **Vice Chairperson:** A motion made by Rivers seconded by Wentworth to nominate Jessica Paradis as Vice Chairperson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
- **Secretary:** A motion made by Paradis seconded by Wentworth to nominate Kelly Brennan as Secretary. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

**2. COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Hilliard stated that he handed out the monthly data reports for PBIS. He stated that what we want is to have 80-90% in the green zone which is no majors, 5-15% in the yellow zone which is 1-2 write ups and 1-5% in the red zone with three or more majors. He stated that December was our best month to date and he is really happy because December can be very trying during the holidays kids can get into crisis. He stated that in the month of December they had .3% in the red zone, 2.7% in the yellow zone and 97% of the students in the green zone. Peschel stated that he would like to welcome the new board members and to give everyone a heads up on an upcoming date. He stated that February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am is the tri city region advisory board meeting where all three centers Somersworth, Dover and Rochester come together to share with the board upcoming events for the year and program advancements for next year. He stated that he will be talking about the renovations and programs. He invited everyone to come and offered a tour to the new board members.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**3.1 Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None

**3.2 Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Paradis seconded by Gibson to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:

- December 10 2013-Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
- Fosters: Somersworth High School Student Council building parade float
- Idlehurst Elementary: January Newsletter
- Fosters: Somersworth pairs Tech Center Students, businesses
- State of NH, Dept. of DOE: Virginia Barry

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Austin stated that in anticipation of being elected chair he assigned new board committees. He handed out a list to all board members and said if there were any strong objections to please let him know. Pepin stated that she is currently on the naming committee and asked if that committee was done. Austin stated yes that doesn't exist anymore.

### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**5.1 Maple Wood: Tamara Hallee:** See attached presentation. Paradis asked what SWIS stood for. Joel Eastman stated School Wide Information System. He stated that it is a nationwide system centered in Oregon. Hallee stated that it tells you where and time of day the behavior is happening. Paradis asked how consistent these systems are between schools. Hallee stated that it is the same and we meet every other week and are in contact all the time.

### 5.2 BOARD REPORTS:

**Building, Grounds & Transportation:** Rivers stated that we had a meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> to go over the after action report for the roof problems at Idelhurst. He stated that it was due to faulty construction and Harriman and Bonnette Page and Stone have been involved. He stated that the

repairs were done in December. He stated that there is a copy of notes in the packet. He stated that they have a confirmation letter from them and we are satisfied at this point and we are done with this issue and we incurred no cost. He stated that he also had a call on Monday afternoon notifying him of burst pipes at Maplewood. He stated that Andy has a beeper that goes off if something is wrong and he was alerted between 9 and 11 Sunday and he was done here. He stated that he went over on Tuesday to check in and it could have been worse, Andy was on top of it from the get go and he appreciates everything that was done. Supt. Mosca stated that she got a call over the weekend that one of the pipes burst and she contacted Tamara and then midnight she got another call that there was further damage. She thanked Don Watson and Sue Patrakis who came in to help clean up. She stated that everything is taken care of and we had the insurance company out and everything is covered. She stated that the heating units are being ordered. Thanks to Andy and his crew.

**Curriculum and Activities:** None

**Policy Committee:** None

**5.3 City Council Update:** Pepin stated that they met last night and they passed a bond for \$1,100,000 to redo the surface from Dover line to Sinclair Ave. He stated that they had a bond expiring and they renewed it. He stated that the Mayor also introduced a resolution stating the January is diversity month for the city of Somersworth.

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

**6. ACTION ITEM:**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee:** Paradis stated that they have not met and she hasn't gotten word on the schedule yet but she would assume that they will be hitting the ground running and will be meeting on the last Monday of every month.

**8.2 Budget:** Austin stated that for the new board members, we receive a budget update on the current budget once a month and it usually comes in the second meeting of the month so we will see that at the next meeting but it remains on the agenda as old business.

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

- **January 16 2014- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **January 21 2014-Joint Meeting with the City Council and School Board**
- **January 23 2014- Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop**
- **January 23 2014- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

**10. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**10.1 Visitors:** Quigley stated that he would like to inform the board that the elementary teachers have been selected to be filmed by the commissioner to highlight the excellences happening in the state and they will be talking about the literacy model. He stated that it is a 20 minute interview and it is quite an honor to be selected. Kudos to our teachers. He stated that they have good representation.

Lampros stated that while Tamara was making her presentation and the question was asked about consistency of programs, she and Dana also work together to make sure the expectations are the same from Middle School to High School. Beth Day and Megan Sharples from the Maple Wood PTA invited the board to the Art Reflections on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7. Art work will be displayed and winners will be announced with awards.

**10.2 Board Members:** Bolduc stated that it is good to hear that the teachers have been selected from all over the state and he extended kudos to them and stated that it is something to be proud of. Paradis stated that she would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new board members and stated that they will all find this very rewarding. Pepin thanked everyone who voted and supported her and she will do her best and she appreciates the support from the board and administration.

Austin stated that he is really glad to have the new board members here bringing new energy and an opportunity for us to think about why we do the things we do. He stated that the inaugural celebration was excellent, he stated that it has been a long time since he has experienced that level of energy and he looks forward to maintaining that to move the city forward. He stated that we are entering challenging times and working together we can continue to accomplish what we need to. He welcomed all board members.

**11. NON-PUBLIC:** None

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion made by Paradis seconded by Wentworth to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval