

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

March 24th 2015

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, Austin, Brennan Paradis, Philpott, Hiller, Pepin, Gibson and Bolduc.

2. COMMENTS BY VISITORS: Sharon Lampros stated that the NEASC self-study process has been completed as of last Wednesday and she would like to express her gratitude to the school board members, city council, parents, students who supported us in the onsite visit. The committee was very impressed with the community and it was clearly evident that people care about the students here and want them to have a quality education. She stated that it is anticipated that she will receive a report in a month or two and she has ten days to review and then it goes back to the executive board in October to vote for our accreditation. She is confident from the feedback that we will continue to be a fully accredited high school. She stated that we are working with Bill Rogers to create an electronic communication we can run on the local channel and share with local realtors and community members so they are more aware of what we do in the school. Dana Hilliard stated that they are fresh back from Rhode Island, NELMS conference he was quite pleased with feedback that Somersworth got as a spotlight school we got to host programs and he could not have been prouder with our students today who headed to Rhode Island they were supposed to get on bus at 5am to beat the rush hour traffic but there was a problem with the bus and they were scheduled to sing and missed that, they arrived while people were in workshops, we decided to set them up outside of the workshops and everyone stopped workshops and listened to the students and they did an amazing job representing our middle school. They did an amazing job and I could not be prouder as their principal to witness their performance and how well they met the school wide expectations throughout their duration there.

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 Joanne Pepin to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

Approved were:

- March 10 2015- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting
- Maple Wood Newsletter April
- Idlehurst Newsletter-April
- Harriman e-mail Regarding Idlehurst
- Email: Cheri Allen – CTC Culinary Competition at Loon Mountain

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to recognize the staff who attended NELMS, Officer Campbell, Jennifer Haight, Maureen Tong, Emily Hayden, Ginny Hahn, Jackie Hanlon, Chris Asbell, Kelly Wass, Kevin Mosher, Mr. Hilliard and our students who met one disaster after another but I heard their performance and it was outstanding. Also want to recognize Bonnie Dubois who received an award for her wizard art work she had done last year. She stated that she would like to remind everyone that Little Shop of Horrors will open Thursday evening. Paradis stated that April is child abuse awareness month and Topper tots program doing a pinwheel garden and the spot is to be determined. She stated that the planting will take place on April 8th and we are all invited to attend. She stated that there will be a blue out on April 9th to show awareness. She stated that SYC will be doing a calendar and

the high school will be selling awareness wrist bands. She stated that there could also be a proclamation coming up soon as well.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5.1 Maureen Jackman-SYC-Somersworth Youth Connection: Maureen Jackman stated that she would like to share a glimpse into the very successful extended day learning program that is meeting the needs of the youth and families in our community. She stated that she brought her staff with her as well as some student ambassadors who will share their stories. She stated that they will begin with a video made at the middle school. See attached presentation. Austin stated that you are doing an amazing job, and it is great to see how it has blossomed since it started. Bolduc stated that you all have done a great job, eight years ago you were here and you know I was one of the skeptics of this program and you have proven yourself, thank you. Hiller stated that it is Idlehurst and the Middle School but does Maplewood have something. Jackman stated yes they are bussed over and we have 18 attending. Rivers thanked SYC again, I am a senior and got invited to the tea party and it was a great time. I will be a senior next year and he hopes he gets invited again. Austin congratulated everyone who presented tonight.

5.2 Building, Grounds & Transportation: Rivers stated that they met yesterday; the focus of the meeting was to open the bids for the architectural services for the conceptual design for the CTC. We held a walkthrough on March 3rd and we are ready to move forward. We had five firm bids and one regret letter. We have the packets and the game plan we will go through is Marie gave us the packets and we will look at them and do a matrix to assess the qualifications and we will turn information back in over the weekend and meet again on Tuesday and come up with three to four firms we think are good candidates and recommend them to the board. On April 8th we will be looking to interview the firms. Supt. Mosca stated that they will do a short presentation and it is the time for the board to ask questions. Austin stated that April 8th at 6pm. Supt. Mosca stated that they will send out a notice on the location. Rivers stated that as a follow up to the lighting project, we went with Andy to the high school and he gave us a walkthrough on what was done and it was impressive on what can be done with the lights. He stated that the project is complete. The next meeting will be on March 31st.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.3 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that city council passed a resolution supporting the BAN of \$1,625,000 for renovation of the CTC. He stated that there was not one no vote and that was due to the cooperation between the city and the school and he doesn't think you would have gotten all those votes without the cooperation. He stated that it all makes sense because we have a bond retiring and the only thing that threw a wrench is the fast track but with the fast thinking of Mr. Sprague and the Superintendent and the staff we kept it on track and he would like to compliment the cooperation between the two groups and the staff.

5.4 Student Representative Report: Sharon Lampros stated that Mulligan's grill broke a record by serving 81 customers and serving snacks for the NEASC visit. Kudos to Cheri Allen and her team. She stated that we are hosting the seat belt challenge on April 2nd from

9-10:30. She stated that last Tuesday did a school wide presentation on the heroin epidemic and the high level of attentiveness was an indicator of how articulate he was and how it hit home.

5.5 Snow Days-Last Day of School: Austin stated at the last meeting a board member asked for an update on snow days. This year we have had four snow days and six two hour delays. He stated that the report is in the packet. Bolduc stated that he wasn't sure if we had to stick another day in so that is why he asked.

6. ACTION ITEM: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: Paradis stated that the next meeting is on March 26th at 5pm at the gathering place.

8.2 Budget: None

8.3 CTC Renovation Update: Paradis stated that this is disbanded at this point and it has moved to the building grounds and transportation.

8.4 High School Graduation Date: Austin stated that at the last meeting Sharon recommended June 18th date and he is looking for consensus of this date. Graduation was set for June 18th.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **April 7, 2015-Somersworth School Board Meeting-7:00 PM-City Hall Chambers**
- **April 16, 2015-Rollinsford School Board Meeting-6:30 PM-Rollinsford Grade School**
- **April 21, 2015-Somersworth School Board Meeting-7:00 PM-City Hall Chambers**

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 Board Members: Paradis thanked everyone who attended the celebration of life for Marcel Hebert. She stated that it was a nice afternoon. She stated that last month was women's history month and there are new things in the hallway in the high school and they have taken the life of the athlete with strong girls and nice pictures of our students and displays about women's history facts and pictures and a crossword puzzle. Thank you to whoever is doing that. Rivers stated that the cooperation between the city and school reflected on us at the NEASC visit, there was a boat load of councilors there and everyone pitched in and he was proud of the community. He stated that the Mayor's forum was also held and the mayor of Dover showed up and Jeni and Don showed up so a whole lot of people are going out of their way. He thanked everyone for helping out. Hiller thanked Lori Lane for giving her a tour around the CTC and giving back up information to help her make an informed decision on the selection of an architect. She also thanked Jess for having memorial and thanked Kelly for her election to the SAU 56 board. Austin echoed the sentiments about the relationship between the city and the school and it is much better than we have seen and it is the best it has ever been. He stated that it is clear we can communicate open and honestly and everyone understands what we are saying and we understand the councilors challenges and we communicate to meet the communities challenges as a whole. I appreciate the relationship we have and that is the way we get things done is to work together. He stated that he represented NH at the NHSBA conference in Nashville over the weekend.

He stated that they considered 36 resolutions and all but one passed and he has a booklet if anyone is interested in what they are. He stated it was very interesting and glad he was able to attend. He thanked Maureen Jackman and SYC staff, they do great work and Maureen made a point at the end about sustainability and that is of paramount importance because without that they will not be able to continue.

11. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Paradis seconded by Hiller to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (b) Personnel. Upon roll call vote the motion passed, unanimously. Entered into nonpublic session at 7:56pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Katie Krauss

Board Secretary