

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

June 23rd, 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: Gibson, Paradis, Philpott, Austin, Brennan, Hiller and Bolduc. Absent: Rivers and Pepin
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** None
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 Hiller to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - June 9th 2015-Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to thank everyone who attended graduation and all of the other year end events. Austin stated that he would like to add 7.1item under new business in order to grant the Superintendent authority to make personnel decisions over the summer. He stated that under 5.4 for the policies he would appreciate a vote to suspend rules to approve them tonight.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - 5.1 **BOARD REPORTS:**

Building, Grounds & Transportation: Bolduc stated that they met on June 15th with Banwell and they updated us on their progress in developing the conceptual design. He stated that they have had discussions with the school staff on the needs and they presented an outline of minutes which is in the packet. He stated that they do a great job on the minutes. He stated that they put a large layout on the table and showed the current layout and they had overlays to put over the current spaces we have in order to stay within the confines of the current envelope to have minimum construction and demolition. He stated that they are going over the mechanicals to see the upgrades we need with electrical, HVAC and roof etc. He stated that the board and staff has had quite a bit of input. He stated that the biggest part is on the first floor with the building trades, engineering and culinary. He stated that it has been suggested to eliminate the greenhouses and they said that they can sell the greenhouse part. He stated that also at that meeting Marie showed us a plaque from Eversource for our participation in the energy efficient program last year at the high school with the lighting. He stated that the next meeting is on July 2nd at the SAU office at 10:00am.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: Austin stated that the minutes from their meeting is in the packet and they will be presenting two policies for consideration tonight. He stated that two other alternative policies were discussed and they decided to keep them in committee to discuss further. He stated that they will meet again to discuss those.
 - 5.2 **City Council Update:** Marty Pepin stated that he has nothing new to report.
 - 5.3 **Student Representative Report-TBA:** None
 - 5.4 **Policies GBAA- Sexual Harrassment-Employee/Staff, GBEEA- Confidential Student Information:** Austin stated that there are two policies in the packet for consideration. He stated that the first policy GBAA the only change to the policy is the definition of third parties. He stated that the change is highlighted in yellow and is as follows: "Third parties include, but are not limited to parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control." He stated that policy GBEEA is a policy recommended by NHSBA and the committee felt it appropriate to bring it forward as a new policy. He read the policy for the first reading. A motion made by Paradis seconded by Hiller to suspend board rules to allow for a vote on

the policies tonight. VOTE: motion passed, with Gibson opposed. A motion made by Paradis seconded by Hiller to accept policies GBAA and GBEAA as presented. VOTE: motion passed, with Gibson opposed.

6. ACTION ITEM:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Austin stated that every year we take a vote to allow the Superintendent to make personnel decisions subject to ratification at the next board meeting. A motion made by Hiller seconded by Paradis to give the Superintendent permission to hire over the summer and ratify them at the next school board meeting. Gibson stated that we need to make sure we ratify them before school starts. Austin stated that we have a meeting on August 11th and the 25th so they will be approved before school starts. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: Paradis stated the next meeting is Thursday at 5:00pm at the old rail.

8.2 Budget: Austin stated that there is a copy of the status of the budget in the packet as of June 19th and we still have a couple more weeks to go before the end of the year so we won't have the final numbers for a number of weeks. He stated that at this point on a budget of 25 million to come within \$38,000 of that appropriation is pretty good management so congratulations for managing that appropriately. He stated that also included in the packet is the schedule of manifest dates and it is important to pay attention to that and put them on your calendar in order to make sure we get the signatures we need. Gibson asked about the transfer to food service and why it was in the negative. D'Agostino stated that we don't budget for it so that is why it is in the negative. Gibson asked how the unpaid balances are dealt with. Supt. Mosca stated that we spend time trying to track it down with alert now and sending letters but we have to make food service whole. She stated that in the fall we will make an attempt on some of those and we will watch it as school starts so we don't continue the cycle. She stated that we don't want kids to not be fed and it is a balancing act that we try to stay on top of. Paradis stated that this line is around \$10,000 each year and asked if that was the average. Supt. Mosca stated that it is usually between \$5,000-10,000. Hiller stated that she hopes that next year is better with the tight budget and she hopes that parents do a better job. Supt. Mosca stated that this year we started with the online payments which was successful and Marie spent a lot of time working on that. Gibson stated that if we are continuously paying out shouldn't this be a budget item. Supt. Mosca stated that we talked about that and it will start as a line item in the next budget.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **July 28 2015- Somersworth Board Retreat**
- **August 11 2015- Somersworth Board Meeting**
- **August 20 2015- Rollinsford Board Meeting**

Hiller asked what the Mary Lister Place was. Supt. Mosca stated that Strafford Learning Center rents the conference room and we can use it free of charge because we have a membership with them.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 Board Members: Philpott stated that when volunteers volunteer do they sign a confidentiality agreement or will they be given the policy. Supt. Mosca stated that we can make them aware of the policy. Paradis stated that she wanted to let the community know that there will be a community forum on drug use on Thursday at City Hall and there will be local recovery services there to present and have an open conversation about drug use. Hiller stated that she would like to congratulate the class of 2015, she attended graduation and everyone did an excellent job and it was a great ceremony. Gibson stated that he would like to congratulate the class of 2015. He stated that he wants to clarify why he voted no on waiving the rules unless there is a valid time constraint he can understand that but

if not he doesn't see any urgency to do it and that is why he voted no and he didn't agree with bringing them forward at this time. He thanked all the support people, educators, administrators that made this a successful year for the students under trying circumstances at times. He stated that he can't believe the caliber of people working for us, they must love what they are doing and he thanked them for all they are doing this year and every year for our community and our students. He congratulated Bob Marquis and wished him good luck in his new position. He stated that he knows that he will succeed as he has done an excellent job for us and he knows he will do an excellent job there. Bolduc stated that he is glad to hear that we get the room at the Mary Lister for free, thank you. He stated that he agrees with Bob on suspending rules if there is a time constraint. He stated that he went to the Children's Festival and it was very nice. He stated that this is the second year that we had it at the high school and personally he thinks it is fantastic. He stated that there was stuff on both sides and you can sit on the grass and you can hear the music from the stage. He stated that it is a great place for it and it is in front of the high school and he likes when people come to our schools. He stated that he made mention to Andy and Jeni about the grass in front of our schools and not being green and some has to do with the soil and some is winter kill. He stated that he is very disappointed in Idlehurst because he remembers loom going away from that property. Austin stated that he had the privilege of attending graduation and handing out diplomas. Congratulations to the graduates. He stated that over \$55,000 was handed out in scholarships to a lot of different individuals which is a testament to staff we have at the high school and CTC. He stated that he hopes the graduates have successful careers in whatever they do and don't forget Somersworth we will always welcome you back. He congratulated Bob Marquis and wished him good luck.

11. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Paradis seconded by Hiller to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (a) Student Issue (b) Personnel and (e) Negotiations. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Entered into nonpublic session at 7:40pm. A motion made by Paradis seconded by Philpott to exit out of non public session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:28pm.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the nomination of Sarah Mills. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the nomination of Francesca Kennedy. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the nomination of Larry Robillard. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the nomination of Kylie Perkins. VOTE: motion passed, unanimsouly.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the nomination of Lesley Unger Mochrie. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to accept the one year leave of absence of Megan Brockett. VOTE: motion passed, unanimsouly.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Paradis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Board Secretary