

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

June 9, 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, Gibson, Paradis, Philpott, Austin, Pepin, Hiller and Bolduc. Absent: Brennan
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Hilliard stated that he would like to invite the board to 8th grade recognition next Wednesday at 9:30am. He stated that if they plan to attend to call and RSVP to the secretary. He stated that five 8th graders will be honored at the city council meeting for winning the state holocaust video contest by the Cohen Center at Keene State College. He stated that they will receive honor from Governor Hassen and will receive checks. He stated that the video will be used as education tools in NH to raise awareness. He stated that this was an after school project that they elected to participate in and we are quite proud of their work. The students that received awards were:
 - **Gold Key Awards- Bhargavi Nimolji and Dominique Audrey \$375 each**
 - **Silver Key Awards- Rachel Wattimena \$200.00**
 - **Bronze Key Awards- Isabella Connelly and Gabrielle Sulieman \$125 each**
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:
 - May 26 2015-Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
 - Enrollment-June
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Austin stated that the meetings are now being broadcasted only on channel 95 and not 22. He stated that the meetings will still be streamed online as well.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - 5.1 **Retiree Ceremony:** Supt. Mosca stated that they are very fortunate tonight as this is the first time that we will be recognizing the retirees at a board meeting. She stated that it is a special time to recognize their dedication, compassion and years of service. She stated that we have nine retirees and combined they have 132 years of service. She stated that we are also very fortunate to have the High School and Middle School select chorus here tonight with Mr. Lagarde, Mrs. McTague and Ryan Lepage. She stated that the retirees need to be commended as they give their heart and soul in every single day and some have 13-27 years of experience and not many people can say that today about their job so we are very fortunate. Austin stated that he can't begin to count how many students have passed through their classrooms and this board stands in awe of what you have done. He stated that you have dedicated your lives to improving the lives of students academically, emotionally and socially and Somersworth is much better from your dedication. Thank you. Supt. Mosca recognized the following retirees:
 - Ginny Martin- 18 Years of Service
 - Sandy Crockett- 22 Years of Service
 - Janice Miller- 15 Years of Service
 - John Babcock- 15 Years of Service
 - Perry Cayes- 27 Years of Service
 - Wendy Green- 13 Years of Service
 - Heather Mazzaglia- 12 Years of Service
 - Allen Storms- 10 Years of Service
 - Bob Marquis

5.2 BOARD REPORTS:

Building, Grounds & Transportation: Rivers stated that the next meeting is on Monday at the SAU office at 11am; they will get a facilities update and will be meeting with Banwell.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: Austin stated that they will be meeting tomorrow night and will have a report at the next meeting.

5.3 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that he would like to thank the retirees for all their dedication and he hopes that they enjoy retirement. He stated that he is amazed every time he hears the choir at the middle and high school.

5.4 Student Representative Report-TBA: None

6. ACTION ITEM:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. OLD BUSINESS

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

8.2 Budget: None

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **June 11 2015- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **June 18 2015- Graduation**
- **June 23 2015- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: Mike Quigley stated that he would like to thank Martha Couture, a local author who came to Idlehurst, the children really enjoyed it and it went along with our writing curriculum. He invited the board to the Idlehurst Carnival on Friday from 3:30-6. They will also have a bike rodeo, so bring your bikes for a safety check with Officer Campbell. Tamara Hallee invited the board to the PTA ice cream social tomorrow night from 6-7. She also invited the board to 5th grade recognition on the 16th at 8:15am.

10.2 Board Members: Bolduc stated that he would like to thank the retirees, they do a fantastic job and teachers are special people. He thanked the Middle and High School chorus, they do a fantastic job and he was impressed with their presentation. Gibson stated ditto. Hiller stated that she really enjoyed the chorus and it reminded her of the old days when her kids were in chorus. She congratulated the retirees. She stated that she missed the last meeting so she would like to thank the city council for approving the budget and overriding the tax cap and doing the right thing and she is glad that we can all work together. Joanne Pepin stated that she would like to thank the chorus, they were awesome. She stated that since this is the last meeting before school gets out she would like to thank every staff member for their hard work and dedication. She stated that she worked at the high school and each and every person goes above and beyond the call of duty and without you we wouldn't have the wonderful students that were here tonight. She thanked the retirees that were here tonight and two that were not here that she had the pleasure of working with, first Perry Cayes. She stated that she has never met a man with more compassion and understanding and he has a rare gift of treating every individual and making them feel special and he should be commended and he will be missed. The second is Allen Storms, he made every winter at the high school a special one and every morning when I would drive in a storm to work he would wait at the CTC door and yelled down the hall hey you got your hat on and he knew how to make people feel good and to find little things to remember about people and he showed students that they were unique. She thanked the administration and stated that she doesn't know how they do it and she has been blessed to work with Mrs. Lampros, Mrs. Rideout and Mr. Hilliard and they have taught her more than she could ever learn in a classroom in college. Philpott stated that the chorus did a great job, she has seen both groups several times and she is always amazed. She thanked the retirees, she stated that she still

remembers several teachers who influenced her life and she is sure that they have influenced students' lives as well. She stated that she would like to congratulate the class of 2015. Austin stated that he would like to congratulate the retirees many of which he worked with as a parent over the years and we have a dedicated staff that is training our students in different ways and not just by book learning, thank you for all you do. He thanked the administration, this has been one difficult year and nothing any of us expected to experience and he looks forward to a year that has continued challenges but more positive challenges. He stated that they couldn't operate without the strong leadership in the buildings and the SAU office. He stated that we sit here and talk about policies and budgets and we lose track of how it all gets implemented and he truly appreciates their service.

11. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Joanne Pepin 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 7:45pm.

A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Paradis to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 9:21pm

A motion made by Hiller seconded by Paradis to ratify the custodian's contract. VOTE: Upon Roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Paradis seconded by Philpott to accept the retirement of Anita Nehring. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Gibson to accept the resignation of Lori Lane as CTC Director. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

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

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

A motion made by Philpott seconded by Gibson to accept the memorandum of understanding for the city/school facility director. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Bolduc seconded by Hiller to accept the proposal to provide a onetime stipend of \$1000 for the administrators. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Philpott seconded by Gibson to accept the transfer of Katelyn Carrington from Assistant Principal at the High School to Dean of School Operations and CTC. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Philpott to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval