

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

May 26 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, Brennan, Pepin, and Bolduc. Absent: Hiller

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 Brennan to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, Austin abstained. Approved were:

- May 12 2015-Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
- Maple Wood News-June

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supt. Mosca stated that they wrapped up the rising star for the high school. She stated that the rising star award is given monthly at the Rochester Rotary and they recognize a student that may not have started on the right path to success but they did a 180 and turned things around and now are on the path. She stated that they presented seven students with the award and they are:

- October: Ian Newhall
- November: Aidan Anderson
- December: Sebastian Smith
- January: Brianna Moulton
- March: Matt Menz
- April: Kyle Wilkins
- May: Tyler Miglionico

Austin stated that at the next meeting on June 9th we will be honoring the retirees and we have invited them to attend. He stated that the select chorus will be here as well.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5.1 BOARD REPORTS:

Building, Grounds & Transportation: Rivers stated that they met on May 15th and the focus of the meeting was how things are moving forward with Banwell for the design of the CTC and it was a really good meeting and he appreciates Banwell, they seem to have their stuff together. He stated that there is a checklist in the packet. He stated that April 8th is when we chose them and in 37 days they have accomplished an awful lot. He stated that one new thing is that they want to bring in a construction manager to assist us primarily from a financial standpoint. He stated that they will get an RFP in a few weeks and Chris one of the architects was the design lead for the new high school in Sanford and he said we need a construction manager because we know the constraints with the budget and this will help to make sure it is doable. He stated that hopefully we will have the RFP by July 15th. He stated that things are looking good and he encourages the board to look at the five page handout. He stated that the next meeting is on June 15th.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.2 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that they met on May 18th and they passed the 2015-2016 budget. He stated that they made some substantial cuts on the city side and the city manager used the fund balance in the amount of \$275,000 and the council added another \$150,000 and we also did an override of the tax cap by \$349,666 increasing the school budget by \$775,000 which makes the estimated tax rate \$32.37 which is an increase of \$1.23 over last year. Austin stated that he would like to express their sincere thanks to the council moving through that process. He stated that by the end of that meeting they were working as a team rather than school versus city. He

stated that the council did a magnificent job and asked Marty to pass on their sincere thanks.

5.3 Student Representative Report-TBA: None

5.4 Professional Partnership Model: Supt. Mosca stated that this is the new educator support and growth model that we have been working on for two years. She stated that they had a committee made up of administrators, teachers, school board member, Joanne served on that committee. She stated that we spent this year piloting the process. She stated that one key piece is the words chosen professional partnerships. She stated that the statement of purpose is "The purpose of our new educator support system is to encourage and engage professional partnerships that nourish a supportive, risk-taking, transparent approach to effective teaching and learning, which ensures a comprehensive and holistic learning experience for all children." She stated that they are very proud of this document and they piloted it this year. She stated that they worked with an outside consultant who worked with the administrators creating and seeing things from the same lens to get better with our reliability and the consultant will spend a certain number of hours with the administrators next year on where they need support such as creating schedules to budget their time and they will also meet once or twice as a large group. She stated that they have embraced this model and have rubrics to allow people to grow and develop and they also have a growth plan if they need help somewhere along the way. Austin stated that this will be in place for the coming year. Supt. Mosca stated yes fully implemented. Austin asked if each staff member had gone through this with the administrators. Supt. Mosca stated yes and it is on the I drive as well and they will also have printed copies handed out in the fall. Austin stated that there is a lot in this document and it presents a solid foundation for professional growth. He congratulated the committee and stated that there is a lot of good work there.

6. ACTION ITEM:

6.1 Technology Plan Approval: A motion made by Bolduc seconded by Philpott to approve the technology plan as presented. Supt. Mosca stated that there is a correction on page 18 it says June 2012 and it should say June 2015. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

6.2 Tri-City CTC Bus Agreement: A motion made by Bolduc seconded by Paradis to approve the Tri-City CTC Bus Agreement as presented. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: Paradis stated the next meeting is to be determined.

8.2 Budget: Austin stated that in the packet is a summary of what the new approved bottom line budget of \$26,102,271.00 which is \$775,000 more than we submitted to the city manager. He stated that the Superintendent and administration have gone through and made determinations on where to put the money back. Supt. Mosca stated that back a few meetings they mapped out what we would do if money was presented to us. She stated that they are very grateful for the decisions the council made and we appreciate their support. She stated that the following items were put back into the budget:

- Four Teachers- Grade 3 Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, Elementary Media Teacher, and Elementary Intervention Teacher: \$280,000
- Four Paraprofessionals: \$200,000
- One Custodian: \$40,000
- Substitutes: \$105,000
- Supplies: \$60,000
- Bus: \$60,000
- Building Maintenance: \$30,000
- Misc.: \$662.00

Austin stated that this was not everything so how many positions are we not filling. Supt. Mosca stated

that we eliminated seven positions. Two reading specialists, ESOL teacher, Special Education Teacher and two CTC teachers. Austin stated that he was concerned with the outside special education services that went to half time. Supt. Mosca stated that the field worker will stay half time. Austin stated that it is good news that we were able to add these back in, we are a lot better than where we were. Joanne Pepin asked how many of those seven are retirees that we are not filling. Supt. Mosca stated two of the seven. Gibson asked how many people are losing a position. Supt. Mosca stated that those seven are without a position. She stated that normally we would replace folks who retire. She stated that we are very grateful for the money we did receive. A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Paradis to approve the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$26,102,271 with the additions the superintendent has recommended. VOTE: Upon roll call vote the motion passed, unanimously.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **June 9 2015- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **June 11 2015- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **June 18 2015- Graduation**
- **June 23 2015- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

Austin stated that there was a new date added tonight, Monday June 1st there will be an SAU meeting at 6:30pm.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 Board Members: Austin thanked the city council, we have viewed this process as a partnership and it was clearly evident by the time the process ended. He congratulated Rene for being named citizen of the year, it was well deserved.

11. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Paradis seconded by Gibson to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (b) Personnel. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Entered into nonpublic session at 7:30pm.

A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Paradis to exit out of nonpublic. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:06pm.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Philpott to accept the resignation of Jennifer Vachon. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Paradis seconded by Brennan to accept the resignation of Diane Sedler. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Philpott to accept the nomination of Jackie Kiley. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval