

## SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Somersworth City Hall

6:30 pm

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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, Hanlon, Collins, Hiller, Pepin and Bolduc. Absent: Gibson
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Tamara Hallee stated that she would like to give the board an update on their SWIS data last year they had 85% of the students in the green zone, 11% in the yellow zone and 4% in the red zone. At this point in the year we have 96% of the students in the green zone, 3% in the yellow zone and .36% in the red zone. She congratulated the staff for doing a wonderful job on making the connections with students because it is due to the work they are doing.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
  - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None
  - 3.2 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Collins seconded by Joanne Pepin to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
    - January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop
    - January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting
    - January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes from the JBC
    - January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes from the Joint City Council and Somersworth School Board Meeting
    - Idlehurst Elementary Newsletter- February
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated she sent home a family letter that was mailed yesterday regarding the recent amount of bomb threats locally and nationally to make parents feel more comfortable and know that our number one concern is safety. She stated that she was on a conference call with homeland security and they helped us with guidelines on credibility of threats and process and procedures that we will continue to follow. She stated that we want parents to know that our number one concern is the student's safety. She stated that tonight we have two teachers here tonight Jody Corbeil and Jolene Francoeur to talk about the spelling bee. Jolene Francoeur stated that several years ago parents would ask us if we had a spelling bee and we didn't so we researched and went to the PTA and asked for the money to register ourselves and they gave us the money. Jody Corbeil stated that we sign up every fall and register the school and they give us the information we need to perform the bee. She stated that grades 1-8 can participate and it can be home schooled children, full time students, private schools and it is open to any child. She stated that they have a long list of rules. She stated that they send home the grade level list and the school level list and encourage them to study. She stated that in December they have the classroom bees and they try to make it as pressure free for the students and they have five winners that go on to the grade level bee and from there they have five winners go to the school wide bee and by the end of January they have to have a winner to send to the state bee. She stated that the first time we did this was the first time that Idlehurst community got together for a school wide event was the first spelling bee so it was the first time we could see what we can be as a community and school and every year brings us closer and the kids love it. She stated that this year our winner was Sai Harshith Battar and he will be going to the state level bee in Concord. She stated that they have to fill out a vocab test and only the children who score 100 make it on stage. Supt. Mosca stated that he was also the winner last year as well. Austin presented Sai with a certificate of excellence for being the spelling bee winner and congratulated him from the school board.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - 5.1 **High School Presentation:** See attached presentation by Sharon Lampros.
  - 5.2 **BOARD REPORTS:**
    - Building, Grounds & Transportation:** None
    - Curriculum and Activities:** None

**Policy Committee:** None

**5.3 City Council Update:** Marty Pepin stated that they met on the 19<sup>th</sup> and had a light agenda. He stated that he attend a recreation committee meeting and they had brought up trying to consolidate the fundraising and they invited the organizations into the meeting and they had a workshop on getting ideas. He stated that their second meeting was on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the ideas that they came up with is to have a site where people can go on to where all the different athletics and leagues and sports would be and they could find information on how to sign up and have schedules etc. He stated that they all liked the idea and this is the first step they would like to go down. He stated that at the next meeting they would like to look for someone to come in and design a program and they will set another date.

**5.4 Student Representative Report-Cassidy Akatyszewski:** None

**5.5 NHSBA Delegate Assembly:** Collins stated that Don Austin was welcomed as the new president. He stated that they had three hot topic sessions, the first one was based on recording in the classroom, the second was on the history of NH school funding and the third one was on best practices in school board leadership. He stated that they also approved multiple resolutions including the one from Somersworth school board and he thanked Jessica Paradis and Senator David Watters for their help on that.

**6. ACTION ITEM:**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee:** None

**8.2 Budget:** Austin stated that it was included in the packet if anyone has any questions.

**8.3 JBC Update-Ken Bolduc:** Bolduc stated that the next meeting is on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

- **February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016- Somersworth School Board Final Budget Workshop**
- **February 9<sup>th</sup> 2016- Somersworth School Board Budget Presentation /School Board Meeting**
- **February 15<sup>th</sup> 2016- Public Hearing on School Budget**
- **February 18 2016- Joint Building Committee**

**10. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**10.1 Visitors:** None

**10.2 Board Members:** Hanlon congratulated Sai and wished him good luck going forward. Joanne Pepin stated that she would also like to congratulate Sai, winning two years in a row is phenomenal and she knows that he will represent us well. She also congratulated Don on being the new president of the NHSBA he will represent us well and is a great choice. Hiller stated that she would like to congratulate Don, it is quite an honor. She stated that she would like to receive a copy of the letter that went home to parents in case parents have questions. Bolduc stated that he would like to thank the teachers that were here tonight and the wonderful job they did and the dedication they have, it is great to know we have people here doing that. He stated that there was an article in the paper on a bill for tastier food for school lunches and he thinks they should be tastier. He stated that the schools have been required to follow the federal guidelines if we receive funds for the free and reduced meals. He stated that the government has money but they hold us ransom to get the money.

**11. NON-PUBLIC:** A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Joanne Pepin 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 7:39pm. A motion made by Collins seconded by Hiller to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out nonpublic session at 8:03pm.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Joanne Pepin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval