

## SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

City Hall

7:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00pm upon call of the roll the following members were present: Rivers, Brennan, Collins, Hanlon, Hiller, Gibson, Joanne Pepin and Bolduc. Absent: Austin.
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Hallee stated that they had the kindergarten registration night and they had the biggest turnout yet, we had 80 students register so we are very excited. She stated that she is reaching out to parents who couldn't attend and they should contact Lori at Maple wood to register their child.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
  - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None
  - 3.2 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Hanlon to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
    - May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016-Minutes of the JBC Committee Meeting
    - April 19<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting
    - April 18<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes from the JBC Committee Meeting
    - Idlehurst Elementary School Newsletter- May/June
    - Foster's Article: Seniors celebrate commitment to college
    - Enrollment-May
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - 5.1 **Presentation: Science Olympiad -Middle School:** Barbara Bridge stated that she couldn't be more proud of the kids, they worked their butts off and this is the first time we entered the competition and they won first place. She stated that they had to be ready for ten events and they stayed after school and of the six they got into they won three of them. Rachel Wattimena and James Turner two students were there with the trophy. Collins asked the students how they got involved. Rachel Wattimena stated that she was invited to help out the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Barbara Bridge stated that they signed up the first time it was opened to middle schoolers. Collins asked what their biggest challenge was. Rachel stated that some of the events were advanced and it was cool to learn about things that they didn't know about. James Turner stated that they would like to thank Mrs. Bridge, Mrs., Turner, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Asbell and Mrs. Spendley. Joanne Pepin asked how many students were in the group. Bridge stated that there were seven eighth graders and six freshman that worked with them. Collins asked what the best part was. Turner stated winning.  
**Rubics Cube Contest Competition-Middle School:** Ginny Hahn stated that she is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and with her tonight is Christian Hefler. She stated that this year they started a skills class on rubics cube. She stated that they learned how to solve it with some direction and they quickly learned the algorithms without instructions. She stated that they had a team of 8 went to compete and we were placed in the high school teams and we finished second beating a high school team. She stated that the average time is one minute twenty seconds and the next step is to learn it in under twenty five moves. Christian then did a demonstration for the board. Collins asked how you apply math. Hahn stated that it is all about the algorithms. Collins asked how he got involved and why do you like it. Christian Hefler stated that his friend did it and he got involved and he liked it.
  - 5.2 **Building, Grounds & Transportation:** None
    - Curriculum and Activities:** None
    - Policy Committee:** Next meeting will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the SAU.
  - 5.3 **City Council Update:** None
  - 5.4 **Student Representative Report-Isis Orchard:** Orchard stated that spirit up Somersworth cleanup day

was a success, they estimated that they had over 100 trash bags that were cleaned up. She stated that the sophomore class is doing a car wash next weekend from 10-2 at Key Auto. She stated that the junior prom is on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rochester Elks. She stated that National Honor Society is holding a blood drive on Friday.

## 6. ACTION ITEM

**6.1 Handbooks 2016-2017:** A motion made by Hiller seconded by Gibson to accept the handbooks as presented. Rivers stated that he noticed some minor things. He stated that he would like to make sure that they all have the school calendar in there. He stated that the middle school doesn't use the term homework it shows up in the handbook as extended learning but the high school uses the term homework. He stated that he found NECAP in the high school one and wondered if that is still a valid term. Hiller stated that the kindergarten dates were still the half day times. Hallee stated that they should be adjusted. Hanlon asked if they should table this until the corrections were made. A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Brennan to table until the corrections are made. Gibson stated that he knows that we are on a time frame to get these printed. Joanne Pepin stated that we usually just accept them with the corrections. Hanlon withdrew his motion. A motion made by Gibson seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the handbooks 2016-2017 with the corrections noted. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

**8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee:** Hanlon stated that they met yesterday and they almost have a fully seated committee. He stated that they went over the master plan and they received the matrix and they are working to have a workable matrix in order to make updates. He stated that they came up with a plan to have electronic palm cards for realtors. He stated that they are contacting groups in the community to see if they have anything they want us to promote. He stated that the next meeting is on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Gibson stated that Hilltop is still listed on some real estate website as a place we educate our students and it would be nice to get that corrected. He stated that it is on Zillow and Realtor.com and he has written to them before. Hanlon stated that he will bring it up at the next meeting.

**8.2 Budget:** None

**8.3 JBC Update-Ken Bolduc:** Bolduc stated that they have been meeting every week at the SAU office on Monday's at 4:00pm. He stated that the project is moving along quickly. He stated that they have met twice since the last meeting. He stated that they approved a list of items for the auto equipment so it will be on its way. He stated that Lori Lane is working hard on getting the requests out there. He stated that Marie gave us a financial update and everything is on target with some things we have added and some things we have saved money on. He stated that they are putting up new walls in the areas that North Branch had open to them. He stated that the 23<sup>rd</sup> is when the whole CTC will be available to North Branch to go ahead and do the rest of the project and the hope is that it will be done by the opening of school. He stated that some of the changes is where the office used to be in the center will be the new café and there will be a new stairwell at the center of the CTC with the theatre going in and in the old meeting room will be the media center with connections to the theatre. He stated that if they have time they should walk through and see the progress as they are doing a fantastic job. Collins stated that he can't wait to walk through and see it. Hiller asked if they can arrange a day they can all make it. Brennan asked Ken to coordinate a time for us all to go. Bolduc stated that he can do that.

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

- **May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016- Somersworth Policy Committee Meeting**
- **May 24<sup>th</sup> 2016- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **June 7 2016- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

- **June 21 2016- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

## **10. CLOSING COMMENTS**

### **10.1 Visitors:** None

**10.2 Board Members:** Hiller thanked the May 7<sup>th</sup> clean up kids, her street never looked better. Rivers stated that he would like to thank everyone who was involved in the cleanup day. He stated that it was really well done and he thanked everyone who contributed especially Maureen Jackman who planned it all. He stated that he really enjoyed jazz night, it turned out extra special. Brennan stated that the spring cleanup showed firsthand the community spirit we have. She stated that the Maple Wood PTA asked me to mention the Hilltop Hustle 5K race on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and it starts at the high school. Collins stated that he would like to thank everyone for the cleanup day, every year it gets bigger and better and he is looking forward to next year. Joanne Pepin stated that she would like to compliment everyone involved. She stated that she wants to recognize her neighbor who does not wait until cleanup day to start cleaning up the road. She stated that she would like to congratulate the science Olympiads for their extreme dedication and she would like to compliment the teacher from the rubics cube competition to take something in math and get young students involved is really special and she should be commended. Hanlon stated that it is great to see what is going on in our schools.

**11. NON-PUBLIC:** A motion made by Brennan seconded by Hanlon to exit into non-public session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (a) Student Issue (b) Personnel and (e) Negotiations. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited into non-public session at 7:33pm. A motion made by Brennan seconded by Hiller to exit out of non-public session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of non-public session at 8:10pm.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to accept the nomination of Johanna Haust as the special education teacher/inclusion specialist at Maple Wood. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hiller to ratify the SAE contract as presented. VOTE: Upon roll call vote, the motion passed with Hanlon Abstained.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion made by Gibson seconded by Joanne Pepin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval