

SAU 56 School Board

Board Meeting

September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

CTC Mulligans Grill

6:30 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Kunz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm upon call of the roll the following members were present: Austin, Collins (arrived at 6:48pm), Bolduc, Rivers, Gibson, Anderson, Nelson, Kunz and Hiller. Absent: Hanlon, Robinson, Pepin, Brennan and Leach
2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - 2.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None
  - 2.2 **Approval of consent calendar:** A motion made by Hiller seconded by Austin to accept the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
    - May 16 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting
3. **General Correspondence**
4. **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**
  - 4.1 **Budget:** Kunz stated that the budget is included in the packet if anyone has any questions. Rivers asked if we are now in the year that the state is no longer contributing anything to the pension. D'Agostino stated that the current year we have the same rates as last year but there is a memo in your packet with the rates for 17/18. Supt. Mosca stated that we are in year seven of 30 years to catch up so you will see more of a shift for the next 23 years. She stated that the issue is that if everyone eligible for retirement decided to retire it would be bankrupt that is why there was a shift to the local level to make up that difference. D'Agostino stated that she wanted to give the board an update on the June 2016 ending budget, it is not final because the SAU audit is not happening until October. She stated that she wanted the board to be aware that the fund balance is still high and the reason is that when we plan the budget we don't know of some grants that we are getting in the future and we don't budget for the indirect costs. She stated that we receive additional revenue during the year when we apply for other grants. She stated that at the last Somersworth board meeting Idlehurst stated that they will be applying for a grant in the amount of \$150,000 that we didn't plan for when we budgeted so we will have additional indirect costs that is revenue to the SAU office. We also had savings in the budget that we had talked about due to salaries. Hiller stated that so when we get grants we keep a piece of it. D'Agostino stated that yes in order to administer the grant. Kunz stated that if grants get approved when will we know. Supt. Mosca stated that it varies when we get grants and we may not know when we build the SAU budget. The current grants that we have we can project the amount we will get. Bolduc stated that assume we get the grant for Idlehurst, that money comes into the SAU. D'Agostino stated that the \$150,000 is for Somersworth just as Rollinsford gets grants the money is used for the district and the SAU oversees the grants and we receive indirect costs for the administrative services to oversee the grant and make sure we stay in the parameters and that comes to the SAU. Bolduc stated that is what shows up as revenue. Supt. Mosca stated that just the portion that we get for indirect costs comes to the SAU. Bolduc asked who determines that. Supt. Mosca stated that the state gives us a rate. Gibson asked if they can see a breakout of the indirect costs. D'Agostino stated that you do see it in the budget, it shows the grants and you can see the fluctuation where some drop off and see how some are limited. Gibson stated that the new server for the SAU was that unforeseen. Supt. Mosca stated that you asked us last fall to spend money to help bring down the fund balance and it was after the budget was set. D'Agostino stated that she put in the packet the rates for NH retirement and those are the numbers we will be preparing the budget with for all districts. She stated that Friday they had a representative from Primex come in to see us and they put together a maximum guaranteed rate increase over two years for workers comp and property and liability. She stated that they are not asking you to approve it tonight they are just distributing what they provided. She stated that the rate would not increase more than 10% for two years. She stated that the SAU and Rollinsford have the same opportunity but Somersworth does not because the claims were too high. She stated that this will be an action item at the next meeting. Kunz stated that part of the reason that they do this is because of your experience. He stated that there are no other companies that provide this. D'Agostino stated no. Bolduc asked how this compares to last year. D'Agostino stated that it is based on this year's rates but it won't increase more than 10% but it could be

less. Supt. Mosca stated that Primex is the only show in town and we just signed on so we don't know how it compares to last year. Nelson stated that we had a savings in Rollinsford. Anderson stated that do we have a say in this. Supt. Mosca stated that you don't have to lock in for two years. D'Agostino stated that the risk is if you have high claims you will pay more but if you sign this agreement you don't pay more than 9 or 10%. Bolduc asked how it compares to last year. D'Agostino stated that this is our first year with Primex but with our old company it was between an 8-9% increase.

**5. Employees-Nomination Kristina Wiggins-School Psychologist:** Supt. Mosca stated that Kristina Wiggins is our new school psychologist. She stated that both school psychologists are paid through the IDEA grant for their salaries and their benefits are paid through the SAU budget so they can service both communities. This is an FYI for you of what her salary is going to be. Hiller asked if the old school psychologists are still there. Supt. Mosca stated that Shelly left and Kristina is taking her place and Priscilla is still there. A motion made by Austin seconded by Hiller to accept the nomination of Kristina Wiggins as School Psychologist. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

**6. Old Business**

**7. New Business:**

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

- **November 14 2016- SAU 56 Budget Workshop**
- **November 21 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting**

**9. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**9.1 Visitors:** None

**9.2 Board Members:** Bolduc stated that we had a meeting in this room one time before this and he expressed concerns that it is not comfortable in here. The acoustics are terrible and I am not in favor of holding meetings in this room. He stated that we need a better way to set it up. He stated that if we are not going to have the meetings at the SAU maybe we can alternate a meeting in Rollinsford or we had a meeting in the engineering room and the sound was better than this. He stated that he will be where you have it but if you have a vote he won't vote for here.

**6. Non-Public Session:** None

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion made by Nelson seconded by Austin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.