

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

September 13th 2016

Somersworth CTC

7:00pm

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, Hanlon, Gibson, Hiller Austin, Collins, Brennan, Bolduc and Pepin. Austin stated that it is great to have a meeting in our new CTC center, we are in the engineering classroom. The whole facility is wonderful and he welcomed the public to come to open house on the 26th.
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** Hersey stated that Idlehurst had applied for a STEAM grant and they got awarded \$5,000 that will come in \$1,000 increments. She stated that it will go toward 5th grade enrichment classes where the 5th graders will create an aquatic habitat and they will be creating lesson plans so when the little ones come to look at the habitat they can teach them about it. She stated that Idlehurst also qualifies for a school improvement grant that she needs to have the boards blessing on. The grant is due this Friday and she will be asking for \$300,000 which is a two year grant where we would receive \$150,000 each year. She stated that it will be for professional development for teachers and for sustainable STEAM initiatives such as greenhouse for Idlehurst and a salt water habitat and a chicken coop where we would have chickens and the eggs would go right back to students. She stated that she would like the board's blessing to apply for the grant and they should know back in two weeks. She stated that we have a really good chance of getting it. Austin asked what she needed from the board. Hersey stated that she needs approval to go forward with the grant. Hiller asked if any recycling is included as part of this. Hersey stated that they will be working with local farmers on composting and the fruits and veggies and eggs will go right back to our kids. Hiller asked if they are going to be pasteurized. Hersey stated that they don't have to be, we will only have hens. Supt. Mosca stated that we will also be using café services money to purchase three 3-bin recycling bins for each school. The bins will be for trash, recycling and compost and those will be coming in the next six weeks. Austin stated that he will add the approval under item 6.1. Vic Sokul stated that in June in Boston there was a conference for the National Academy of future Physicians and Somersworth High School had a student participate and she was recognized for outstanding academic performance and her dedication to serving the community through the profession of medicine. He stated that she was able to see a live surgery and talk with doctors performing the surgery and listen to doctors who have won a Nobel Prize. He would like to congratulate and recognize Isis Orchard for receiving this award. He stated that he attended the annual meeting for NHIAA and Somersworth high school faired very well. He stated that they received two awards, one was the award of excellence certificate for exemplary sportsmanship, ethics and integrity for the 15/16 school year. He stated that we were one of several high schools that did not receive any disqualifications all year and that is a real plug to our AD at the time Krystyna Smith and Sharon Lampros. He stated that they will display this proudly in the display case. He stated that there is a sportsmanship award that is awarded each year to four schools one in each division. Somersworth was the runner up and that is something to be proud of. He stated that we are graded on behavior and sportsmanship with coaches, players, parents and anyone who participates in the sports and we received a banner that they will display in the gym. Supt. Mosca stated that congratulations to Krystyna and Sharon because three years ago we finished in last place and we have turned the program around and that is a credit to the coaches as well. It is an absolute feat to go from last to runner up in three years and it is an honor and a testament to what is happening here.
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 Gibson to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:

- August 29 2016- Minutes from the Joint Building Committee
- August 23 2016- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting
- August 22 2016- Minutes from the Joint Building Committee
- Enrollment-September

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Austin stated that we have been invited by the council to a joint workshop on October 19th at 5:30 here in this room. We will meet and talk about ways to share our resources so he is looking forward to that to continue our cooperative services.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

5.1 **Building, Grounds & Transportation:** None

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.2 **City Council Update:** Marty Pepin stated that we met on September 6th and it was a light agenda and he has nothing to report.

5.3 **Student Representative Report-Isis Orchard:** Orchard stated that we had our kick off night on Friday night and a lot of local causes showed up and had booths. Youth to youth did face painting and we had a big turnout for the football game after. She stated that sports and clubs have just started. She stated that they will have spirit week from the 19th-23rd with a homecoming dance on the 24th.

5.4 **NHSBA- Call for Resolutions:** Austin stated that it is that time of year again to submit a recommendation if you want to for a resolution to be considered at the delegate assembly on January 21st 2017. He stated that they did submit one last year that the NHSBA adopted. He stated that if you have something now is the time to do that. He stated that the resolutions have to be in to the NHSBA office by October 21st. If you are considering doing one please bring it to the next board meeting to talk about it and then we will put it on again for the following school board meeting for action. He stated that he can get you a format if you have one to consider. He stated that it is important for boards to think about resolutions as they provide the marching orders for the state school boards association on how the members feel they would like to proceed.

6 **ACTION ITEM**

6.1 **Approval of School Improvement Grant:** A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Gibson to approve submitting an application for the school improvement grant for Idlehurst. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

8.1 **Vision 20/20 Committee:** Hanlon stated that they met yesterday and worked on updating the matrix and they are half way done and they had a discussion on the booths at the upcoming festivals and fairs. He stated that the next meeting is the second Monday next month.

8.2 **Budget:** Austin stated that there is an update in the packet if anyone has any questions, it is still very early in the fiscal year. D'Agostino stated that the Somersworth School District is partnering with Café Services to provide meals for the students at Tri City Christian.

8.3 **JBC Update-Ken Bolduc:** Bolduc stated that most of you have taken a tour through the CTC, it is pretty well put together. There are a few small items that we have to clean up. Lori is putting together the numbers on items we have held off on until the end to make sure we had the money to pay for them. He stated that most of the areas are done, the theater lights still have to be done and the sound and risers still need to be done. Everyone is in place and working and happy.

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

- September 19 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting
- September 26 2016- Career Technical Center Ceremony- 6:00pm CTC
- September 27 2016- Somersworth School Board Meeting

10. **CLOSING COMMENTS**

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 Board Members: Rivers stated that he would like to thank the administration for coming to the meetings, they realize that a lot of you live out of the area and it makes for a long day but we appreciate it. Austin stated that he had the opportunity to attend the event on Friday and there were a number of organizations in the high school and it was a well-attended event for the first one. He stated that if you collected enough signatures visiting the booths you could get in free to the football game after. He stated that it was a good opportunity to meet a variety of needs and it was very worthwhile and he hopes that they do it again.

11. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Gibson 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 7:30pm. A motion made by Collins seconded by Gibson to exit out of non-public session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of non-public session at 7:48pm.

A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Hiller to accept the retirement of Lorraine Hodgson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Collins to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval