

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

November 15th 2016

City Hall Chambers

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, Gibson, Hanlon, Joanne Pepin, Brennan, Austin and Bolduc. Absent: Hiller and Collins
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Hilliard stated that he would like to thank the veterans who attended the veteran's lunch last Thursday. He stated that Monday the VFW representatives came to give awards for the patriot's pen essay contest. This year we were combined with Dover so we were competing with a larger pool and Somersworth students took the top three spots and we had a winner at the high school level. Lauren Dupuis took third prize and received \$50, Lillian Brochu took second place and received \$100 and Zack Day took first prize and received \$200. He stated that Somersworth High School student Dylan Zinkevich won the voices in democracy competition and will advance to the district level. He stated that this is the fourth year in a row that we have placed and we should be proud of that especially with the larger pool this year. Hersey stated that she wanted to update the board on the SIG grant that we had applied for, we received verbal confirmation that we got the grant for \$325,000 and that will be spread out over the next couple of years, we are very excited and it is a huge opportunity.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None
 - 3.2 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Rivers seconded by Brennan to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - October 19 2016- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board and City Council Joint Meeting
 - October 25 2016- Minutes from Somersworth School Board Meeting
 - Maple Wood News: November Issue
 - Enrollment- November/ Revised October/ Revised September
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to recognize Cheri Allen who was named NH Educator of the year from the NHLRA industry awards and that is a great honor and recognition for Cheri Allen our Culinary Arts teacher at the CTC. She stated that the girls' volleyball team was the runner up in the state division two finals for the second year in a row and it was an amazing competition. She wanted to congratulate Steve Hodsdon who was named the division two Volleyball coach of the year. She stated that ten students were inducted into the National Honor Society. She stated that today at the high school was I applied day and when she was there earlier today they had at least 60 students applying to college. She stated that she also wanted to share with families that there has been a lot of publicity around first student and the possibility of a strike and she wanted to let people know that our drivers are not involved in that and our buses will continue to run and we will be ok. Gibson stated that he realizes that we are not involved in the issue but have we put anything into place in case it did happen here. Supt. Mosca stated that we have a backup plan and the bus company has a backup plan but I believe we are all set. Austin stated that he had the opportunity to present at a workshop at the PTA state convention. He stated that he spoke to the PTA at Idlehurst and they reminded him that we used to do an adopt a board member program where each school adopted a board member to get invited to activities and be involved. He stated that we need to take a look at that because he thinks that it is worthwhile to get more involved.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - 5.1. **Performance Select Chorus- High School:** Supt. Mosca stated that they are very fortunate to have the high school select chorus here tonight to give us a performance.
 - 5.2 **Building, Grounds & Transportation:** Rivers stated that they met on November 2nd at the SAU. He stated that the HVAC units on the roof three at the middle school and five at the high school are all operational and all the repairs have been completed and all the units are part of the school maintenance

agreement with control technologies. He stated that the heat trace issue three of the five have been fixed and Andy will follow up on the last two. He stated that the eight older boiler units have been replaced with two high efficiency units. He stated that the district wide signs have been ordered and are ready to be put up we are just waiting for dig safe but they should be done later in the week. He stated that 13 sets of recycling bins were ordered with each set having a regular waste, recycling and compost bin and each cafeteria will have three and one in mulligans grill. Those were purchased with food service funds. He stated that they will be meeting on Thursday at the SAU office.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.3 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that he wanted to give an update on the recreation committee, we have been meeting over the past year looking to improve programs and in Portsmouth they have a facility director who takes care of the schools and the rec department as one unit. He stated that the city manager and the Superintendent looked at it and came up with the suggestion that it is not going to benefit us because we have a good relationship with the rec department and they don't see where it would benefit us or be a cost savings.

5.4 Student Representative Report-Isis Orchard: orchard stated that Thursday and Friday the student council selected 12 kids to attend the Waterville valley state conference and they talked about what is working and what doesn't and ways to fundraise better. She stated that the national honor society held their crispy crème fundraiser and raised over \$1,000 and will be donating to End 68 hours of Hunger. She stated that the chorus concert is on December 13th.

5.5 Policies 1st Reading: ACE- Grievance procedures, EBBC/JLCD/JLCE- Emergency Care and First Aid, EEA- Student Transportation Services, EEAA- Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property, IKF- High School Graduation, KB- Title I Family and Community Engagement Policy: A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Gibson to suspend rules to read the policies by title only. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Austin stated that we will discuss them and vote on them at the next meeting.

5.6 2017-2018 Calendar: Supt. Mosca stated that this is a draft of the 2017-2018 calendar. She stated that she met with the area Superintendents so we could stay as close as possible. She stated that it doesn't look much different than this year. Rivers asked if the teacher workshop days are full days off. Supt. Mosca stated yes.

6. ACTION ITEM

6.1 Reps for Joint Board and Council Meeting: Austin stated that they had a joint meeting with city council and they decided to create a joint commission with two members from each and he is appointing Joanne Pepin and himself to the committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: Hanlon stated that they met yesterday and discussed putting things up on channel 95 and updated the matrix.

8.2 Budget: Austin stated that the status of the budget is in the packet if anyone has any questions.

8.3 JBC Update-Ken Bolduc: Bolduc stated that they will be meeting on the 21st at 4:00 at the SAU office.

9. MAYOR FORUM DATES:

- December 10 2016- Ward 3
- January 21 2017- Ward 4

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **November 21 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting**
- **December 5 2016- Public Hearing SAU Budget followed by Board Meeting**
- **December 12 2016- Snow Date Public Hearing**
- **December 13 2016- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

11.1 Visitors: None

11.2 Board Members: Hanlon stated that he would like to congratulate the students who won the awards. He stated that he went into the middle school last Thursday for the veterans day ceremony and for the student and staff volleyball game and it made my whole month, it was amazing so thank you to everyone. Brennan stated that she would like to thank Steve Hodsdon who invited her to attend the NHIAA life of an athlete conference. She stated that she went to Concord with Steve, Vik Sokul and some students and teachers and it was a great day and she got a lot out of it. She stated that she would also like to thank Maple Wood and Idlehurst students and staff who participated and made cards for the veterans that she served on Veterans Day. Joanne Pepin stated that she would like to congratulate the students who won the awards it shows how hard our students work and it shows we have fantastic teachers who support our students. She stated that she would like to thank all the veterans. She stated that without the veterans we would not have the rights we have and we wouldn't have the right to complain and if you complain with respect you can make a change so thank you for allowing me to think and feel and vote the way I want. She stated that she would like to congratulate Isis Orchard on her singing and to let the select chorus know that they were wonderful. She stated that you should be recognized for all you do, a lot of students volunteer but I know you do a lot and you should be commended so thank you. Rivers congratulated all the students and stated that he is looking forward to the concert on December 13th, he attended last year and they were great. Austin thanked the select chorus they were wonderful.

12. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (b) Personnel and (e) Negotiations. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited into nonpublic session at 7:34pm. A motion made Brennan seconded by Gibson to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:02pm.

A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Gibson to accept the retirement of Bonnie Dubois. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Gibson to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval