

**SAU 56 School Board  
Public Hearing/Board Meeting**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**CTC Mulligan's 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, Pepin, Bolduc, Rivers, Gibson, Hanlon, Kunz and Nelson. Absent: Hiller, Collins, Leach, Robinson Brennan and Anderson

**Public Hearing**

Kunz opened the public hearing at 6:30pm. Tim Lausberg stated that on October 29<sup>th</sup>, documentation was mailed to both the Somersworth and Rollinsford School board members with copies going to the Somersworth City Council and Rollinsford board of selectman, concerning the treatment of Bryant Lausberg surrounding a forced resignation of his hockey coaching position. When Bryant questioned the process, he did not receive a response. Ten days later, he received a two day administrative leave from his teaching position at RGS. After Bryant passed, we learned an administrator wrote obscenities on Bryant's official NFL jersey and proceeded to cut it up in shreds. This occurred during a spirit week at RGS. This is a criminal offense. Criminal Mischief-Destruction of personal property. Charges are not being pressed due to the statute of limitations, however, this does not diminish that a criminal offense was committed by an administrator to a staff member within the walls of RGS, considered to be a safe school zone. The documentation mailed to the school boards includes these issues as well as other examples of questionable treatment. We have heard nothing from any administrator or board member since Bryant's passing. He stated that Bryant deserved better than this. Bolduc stated just as a point of order we are still in public hearing on the budget and a better place to discuss this is during the regular meeting. Austin explained that we are still in public hearing and will be going into a board meeting immediately following. There were no other public comments. The public hearing closed at 6:39 and the meeting immediately followed.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**2.1 Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None

**2.2 Approval of consent calendar:** A motion made by Gibson seconded by Austin to accept the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

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**3. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

**4. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

**4.1 Budget:** A motion made by Austin seconded by Gibson to accept version three of the 2017-2018 budget as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

**5. Employees**

**6. Old Business**

**7. New Business**

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

- May 8 2017- SAU Board Meeting 6:30pm

**9. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**9.1 Visitors:** Tim Lausberg stated that on October 29<sup>th</sup>, documentation was mailed to both the Somersworth and Rollinsford School board members with copies going to the Somersworth City Council and Rollinsford board of selectman, concerning the treatment of Bryant Lausberg surrounding a forced resignation of his hockey coaching position. When Bryant questioned the process, he did not receive a response. Ten days later, he received a two day administrative leave from his teaching position at RGS. After Bryant passed, we learned an administrator wrote obscenities on Bryant's official NFL jersey and proceeded to cut it up in shreds. This occurred during a spirit week at RGS. This is a criminal offense. Criminal Mischief-Destruction of personal property. Charges are not being pressed due to the statute of limitations, however, this does not diminish that a criminal offense was committed by an administrator to a staff member within the walls of RGS, considered to be a safe school zone. The documentation mailed to the school boards includes these issues as well as other

examples of questionable treatment. We have heard nothing from any administrator or board member since Bryant's passing.

**9.2 Board Members:** Gibson stated that he will no longer be part of the SAU board as of January 16<sup>th</sup> as he is moving out of the district so he will have to give up his seat. He stated that it has been a pleasure to work with you all and wish you the best of luck going forward. Lisa Roseberry asked if anyone was going to comment regarding Bryant Lausberg. Hanlon stated that my heard breaks for you guys it really does however as far as commenting I don't know what I can comment because you have two districts here and what I am legally able to hear and not hear and comment on about employees of other district he is not sure what he can or can't say or do and until he does he will not comment. As a member of Somersworth I can't comment about a member of Rollinsford. Kunz thanked them for their comments. Lisa Roseberry stated that these people have lost their son and nobody has even reached out to them or acknowledged them. Kunz stated that he acknowledged it at work, he doesn't have to acknowledge it here again. Roseberry stated that you are being very rude. If any one of you had a son or brother that has gone through this you would have a different attitude. Kunz stated thank you for your comments. Roseberry stated that they just want you to acknowledge them. Joanne Pepin stated that she was under the impression that when it came to closing comments that we by charter of SAU could not address any visitor's comments, this is what we were taught. We can't go into a conversation at that time. Kunz stated that is correct. Joanne Pepin stated that technically even if I wanted to say something as a school board member I can't comment. Kunz stated that is correct. Hanlon stated that he was trying to avoid getting into personnel discussions in public. As heartbreaking as it is we can't discuss it openly like that. I don't know what I have the right to hear about other people's employees as well. Kunz stated that speaking for myself it is a very uncomfortable situation that none of us relish, just my opinion.

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion made by Austin seconded by Nelson to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.