

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

December 13th 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, Austin, Hiller and Bolduc. Absent: Collins and Brennan
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Tamara Hallee stated that the focus of rays of sunshine is to provide items to nursing homes, hope on haven hill and Lydia's house of hope and we have done handmade items such as adult bibs and catheter covers. She stated that we held a stuff a car event where the staff and pta donated gifts and gift cards and we filled my car and donated them to the fire department to benefit children in the community.
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:
 - November 21 2016- Minutes from the JBC-Joint Building Committee
 - November 15 2016- Minutes from Somersworth School Board Meeting
 - Idlehurst News: December Issue
 - Maple Wood News: December Issue
 - Enrollment- December
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated that at each of your desks there is the yearly SYC calendar as a gift to start to start 2017. She stated that also at your spot is an invitation that Vic Sokul sent out to parents for the November 22nd parent teacher conferences. She stated that high school parent teacher conferences are not usually well attended so he hand signed and personally sent home invitations to parents and as a result there was a huge turnout at the high school so that is wonderful and awesome. She stated that he also started the most improved student. Each month the faculty picks a student who has shown great improvement. They get recognized and a letter gets sent home. She stated that he started this in October and in December 21 students were recognized. She stated that the board had talked about the adopt a board member program and it will be happening again and the administration and I got together and assigned board members to each school and they are as follows:
 - Ken Bolduc- Idlehurst
 - Bob Gibson- CTC
 - Karen Hiller- Maplewood
 - Dana Rivers- Idlehurst
 - Don Austin- Maplewood
 - Joanne Pepin- CTC
 - Matt Hanlon- Middle School and Idlehurst

Austin stated that at each of the desks there is the packet of the NHSBA resolutions that will be discussed at the delegate assembly on January 21st. This is for your information on what will be considered and discussed and adopted if they so choose. He stated that he also received an email from Sean Collins on December 7th stating that he needs to resign from the board due to changing jobs. Gibson stated that this may be his last meeting, he needs to resign from his ward four seat as he is moving out of the ward in January. He stated that he will send in an official resignation. He stated that it has been a pleasure working with everyone, the administration, support staff and the board. He stated that it has been interesting and overall he has enjoyed his experience.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - 5.1 **Building, Grounds & Transportation:** Rivers stated that they met on November 17th and there is a copy of the minutes in the packet. He stated that they had an issue at the middle school where the

lower roof hooks up to the building. He stated that they took a walk up on the roof and the flashing was hanging off the side and it requires the assistance of a roofing contractor to fix it and the cost could be up to \$5,000 and that will come from a contingency fund. He stated that Andy has been in contact with the contractor and they need to have everything dried out first before they can do it. He stated that the posts for the new signage have been done and the new signage will begin to go up this week. He stated that the recycling bins have been delivered. He stated that they met with the planning board and did a presentation on the CIP. He stated that there were some concerns on the bus strikes issues in Belmont but that has been resolved.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.2 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that at the last joint meeting they had a discussion regarding Dover, Rochester and Somersworth city managers and councilmembers brainstorming to find ways to work better and the Mayor appointed two councilors to that committee and Marty Dumont and Denis Messier have been appointed.

5.3 Student Representative Report-Isis Orchard: None

6. ACTION ITEM

6.1 Policies 2nd Reading: ACE- Grievance procedures, EBBC/JLCD/JLCE- Emergency Care and First Aid, EEA- Student Transportation Services, EAAA- Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property, IKF- High School Graduation, KB- Title I Family and Community Engagement Policy: A motion made by Hiller seconded by Hanlon to approve the policies as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

6.2 2017-2018 Somersworth School Calendar: A motion made by Hiller seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: None

8.2 Budget: Austin stated that the status of the budget is in the packet if anyone has any questions. Hiller asked what the \$38,000 is for the firewall. Supt. Mosca stated that we were having some issues with the server and firewall and we had to put in a new system. She stated that it was causing other problems within our service so we had to correct the problem. Gibson asked who provided the original firewall. Supt. Mosca stated Cyberoam, it did not work the way it needed to. She stated that the new firewall we purchased is Palo Alto which is a better system and we got it for an unbelievable deal. She stated that the server was an issue where things were going down so we purchased another server to even off the amount of work so now if the server goes down we can shift the work over to another server. Hiller asked why it came out of support services. D'Agostino stated that it is our technology contracted services line.

8.3 JBC Update-Ken Bolduc: Bolduc stated that they had the final meeting on November 21st and the minutes are in the packet. He stated that Joe explained all the loose ends that they are closing out. He stated that some things are coming in such as the acoustic panels for building trades and mulligans grill. He stated that they approved signage for the theatre and also approved flooring for the theatre. He stated that there will be productions going on and students from other schools sharing in our facility and the more use to me the better. He stated that they agreed to have the administration spend down the remainder of the funds which was around \$50,000-70,000 so the JBC is out of business at this time and the CTC is up running. He stated that his two favorite parts are the media center with broadcasting, they are doing weekly news and it is nice to see the things around the school. The other is building trades as they have a lot of new stuff.

9. MAYOR FORUM DATES:

- January 21 2017- Ward 4
- February 18 2017- Ward 5

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- January 10 2017- Somersworth School Board Meeting
- January 12 2017- Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop
- January 19 2017- Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

11.1 Visitors: None

11.2 Board Members: Bolduc stated that he would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas, board, administration, students and teachers and hopefully Mr. Sokul will be back very soon. He wished everyone a great 2017. Hiller stated that she would like to say goodbye to Sean and Bob it was a pleasure working with you both and if anyone is interested in those positions contact city council. She thanked Ken, Bob and the JBC for a job well done. She wished everyone a happy holidays and a happy new year. Rivers wished the best of luck to Bob. Joanne Pepin stated that she would like to thank Bob for his service. He and I didn't agree on a lot but she learned a lot from him and she appreciated his guidance. She stated that she regrets seeing Sean leave as well. She thanked everyone involved in the renovation of the CTC you guys did an outstanding job and what you did with the money you had is above and beyond and she appreciates it as a board member but most of all as a taxpayer. She commends Mr. Sokul with the invitations for parent teacher conferences, it was an outstanding idea. She stated that she commends him for the other program as well, kids need to know when they do well. She thanked the administration, teachers, and staff, you don't get thanked enough and all I see is exceptional work so thank you. She wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. Hanlon thanked Sean and Bob it was a pleasure to work with you and hopefully you have the chance to work your way back. He stated that there is a lot going on this month in the schools so check your calendars. Austin thanked Sean and Bob for their service even if you were on the board for a short or long time your service is appreciated and sometimes it appears to be thankless it is valuable and important to our community. He stated that the Christmas parade was fabulous and there was a lot of participation and community support so thank you to everyone involved it was a terrific event. He stated that he attended an event at Idlehurst that wasn't a school event and in the realm of opening the schools to be community centers he got tremendous feedback on the facility as a resource in Somersworth. He stated that it is the first of what he hopes to be many events at the schools. He wished everyone a happy holiday season, there is a lot of sickness going around so take time to rest and come back ready in January.

12. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Joanne Pepin 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 7:31pm. A motion made Bolduc seconded by Gibson to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:05pm.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hiller to accept the retirement of Noreen Lavorgna. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hiller to accept the retirement of Terry Rogers. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hiller to accept the resignation of Sara Cummings. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hiller to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.