

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

January 10th 2017

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, Brennan and Bolduc.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Michelle Nash stated that she is a proud parent of two boys who graduated from Somersworth High School and has a daughter in the 8th grade and she is a PARA at Idlehurst. She stated that she is also on the negotiating team for the SACA contract. She stated that they have been meeting with the board since September and are currently at an impasse. She stated that they are 100 people who wish to have fair compensation for the job that they do. She stated that they work one on one with students who need support in different areas such as physical, emotional and behavioral and they give them the support they need to be successful. She stated that the paraprofessionals sometimes are the only voice for these students and our jobs are important and valued. She stated that as a unit we are asking for fair compensation, they are the least paid in the school and the city and they are looking for acceptable pay and adequate compensation. Thank you for your time and they hope that they will consider supporting this group of employees who support children each day.
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:
 - December 13 2016- Minutes from Somersworth School Board Meeting
 - Middle School Behavior Data Highlights through November 30 2016
 - Enrollment- January
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated that we are moving forward with applying for the 21st century grant and are in the process as we speak. She stated that Maureen has been involved in webinars and the timeline to submit the grant and we hope to hear in the spring. She stated that the 6th graders will be going to nature's classroom and that will take place April 10-13 in Freedom New Hampshire. She stated that the 8th graders are also going to Philadelphia again May 23-25. She stated that there is a huge campaign going on right now called change direction. She stated that we will have cards going home to every student and staff in the district and former Judge Broderick is coming to talk to the high school on February 16th and also that night for an evening for parents and families on mental health issues. She stated that he is a phenomenal speaker. She stated that the cards going home are about having conversations with children on how they are feeling. Gibson stated that he would like to announce that this is his last school board meeting as he is moving out of his ward. He stated that he wanted to thank everyone in schools and administration for all the good work that is being done. He stated that he has enjoyed working with everyone on the board, it has been a good experience. He complimented Superintendent Mosca it has been a pleasant experience to deal with her. He thanked the city council. He stated that when he started the board and council had an adversarial relationship and the one thing he has seen through the work of Don and Jeni is the relationship has changed to cooperative and full hearted effort to make a better school system and a better city. To the members of all the schools thank you for the good work that you are doing, he has seen the dedication that we have and it makes me proud to be a resident of Somersworth. Austin stated that he would like to recognize Bob for his service, he has been on the board for a long time and he is right things have changed and we have a great relationship with city council but that takes the effort of everyone. He stated that the job of this board and other boards is what is in the best interest of the district and we get so far in the weeds that we forget we are part of the city and we have made progress on that and Bob has been an integral component on the board and all the committees he has served on. He thanked Bob for his service to the

board and presented him with a gift.

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 the reuse sales agreement with Chinburg has been done for Hilltop School and the second reading is coming up. He stated that the closing of that building caused a lot of turmoil and it will be nice to see the building back to life again.

5.3 Student Representative Report-Isis Orchard: Orchard stated that NHS did a Barnes and Noble fundraiser where a portion of the proceeds go to the society and a lot of teachers came in and purchased items for their classrooms. She stated that student council is hosting a winter semi-formal on Saturday. She stated that musical rehearsals for Phippen have started and the play will be in the first week of April. She stated that next Monday our youth to youth and Dover's youth to youth are getting together and going out in the community to explain things to people. Last year they had a theme of opioid crisis and they went out and talked about that so they will probably have a similar theme this year. She stated that everyone is getting ready for finals on the 23 and 24th. She stated that the prom fashion show will be on the morning of February 4th and Mr. SHS will be in the evening on that night.

6. ACTION ITEM

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: Hanlon stated that the meetings were moved to the third Thursday of the month.

8.2 Budget: Austin stated that there will be a budget update in the next packet. He stated that we will begin workshops for the FY 17/18 budget beginning on Thursday at 5:30 here at city hall. He stated that he would urge everyone to pay attention as we will go through the details of the expenses of where we were going and the services that we think we need and it may not match up, it is going to be another year with a lot of discussions on the limited funds.

9. MAYOR FORUM DATES:

- January 21 2017- Ward 4
- February 18 2017- Ward 5
- March 18 2017- At Large

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **January 12 2017- Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop**
- **January 19 2017- Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop**
- **January 24 2017- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **January 26 2017- Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop**

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

11.1 Visitors: None

11.2 Board Members: Hanlon thanked Bob for his service it was a pleasure to work with you and he hopes that he can do it again. Brennan wished everyone a happy new year and wished Bob the best of luck. Joanne Pepin thanked Bob for his years of service for our city. Rivers wished Bob good luck. Hiller wished Bob all the best and it was great working with you. Gibson thanked everyone and wished them good luck going forward and that he will not miss budgets. Bolduc wished Bob good luck it was a pleasure sitting next to you here.

12. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Hiller 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 7:19pm. A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Gibson to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed,

unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:17pm.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to accept the nomination of Amy Trueworthy as Spanish teacher. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hanlon to accept the resignation of John Cebula. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Hanlon to accept the resignation of Sarah Mills. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to accept the nomination of Raenya Morann as fourth grade teacher. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Gibson seconded by Brennan to accept the resignation of Lesley Unger. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Brennan seconded by Hiller to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval