

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

May 23rd 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, Smith, Joanne Pepin, Austin, Hiller, Yoder, Brennan and Bolduc. Absent: Hanlon Austin asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jessica Moore.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Michelle Nash stated that we are continuing to try to negotiate the SACA contract and they feel strongly for the position of a 2% raise. She asked the board members who are not on the negotiating committee if they have expressed their opinion to the negotiating team and are they aware of what they are fighting for. She stated that she feels like they are in a game with two sides that are fighting and there will be no winner. She stated that they are fighting for \$2.10 per day. She stated that she senses that you value our work efforts so please continue to work with us.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** Joanne Pepin asked that the May 9th minutes be removed from the consent calendar. Brennan asked that the Middle School Newsletter be removed from the consent calendar.
 - 3.2 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Brennan seconded by Joanne Pepin to approve the consent calendar as amended. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - Maple Wood-June Newsletter
 - Idlehurst-June Newsletter
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to remind everyone that graduation is June 7th at 6:00pm at Lundholm gymnasium at UNH. She stated that she would suggest the board members get there at 5:30 to line up. She stated that there are many events happening in the schools during the end of the year and she told parents they should check their newsletters.
5. **Discussion Items**
 - 5.1 **Retirees:** Supt. Mosca stated that we are fortunate enough to have wonderful folks to recognize. First we are going to have Mr. Lagarde and the band do a couple of numbers and perform for you. She stated that we have three paraprofessionals who are retiring that have accumulated 62 years of service between the three of them. Candy Domowitz who has been here for 27 years, Donna Nay who has been here for 25 years and Linda Valyo who have been here for 10 years. She stated that there are a few teachers who couldn't be here tonight Elaine Anderson who has been here 19 years, Lorraine Hodgdon who has been here 20 years, Terry Rogers who has been here 10 years and Joanne Fuller who has been here 30 years. She stated that we have two teachers here tonight, Bonnie Dubois who has been here for 21 years and Noreen Lavorgna who has been here for 17 years. Thank you for your many years of dedication and service to our students, staff and community at large. Austin thanked the retirees, he stated that the board talks about the value the staff brings to the community and he wants to thank them for their service.
 - 5.2 **Building, Grounds & Transportation:** Rivers stated that they met last Wednesday the 17th to catch up on things going on now and into the summer. He stated that the roof repair project at the high school has been completed and the original estimate was \$18,000 and it came in at about \$16,000. He stated that all systems have been switched from heating to cooling and we only had one hiccup in the CTC in Mulligan's grill and the black box theater and they won't have the capacity to switch it to AC. He stated that Andy had good news that the natural gas prices are going down and the new boiler system in the CTC has paid its way back already. He stated that we are waiting for data but it went from 28,000 units to 21,000. He stated that the Idlehurst grass has been a problem since 2011 as there is no irrigation system there and Andy is looking at options to treat the grass. He stated that Ken gave some suggestions on paving the softball dirt area and also stated that it would be nice to have welcome to Somersworth

painting in the dugouts of the visiting teams. He stated that the summer schedule is ramping up and there will be some painting going on and replacement carpets in the library. He stated that there are only 9 ½ weeks of summer so it will be tight. He stated that the Idlehurst heat trace problem is in the process of being repaired over the summer.

Curriculum and Activities: None

Policy Committee: None

5.3 City Council Update: Marty Pepin stated that they had a light agenda so there is nothing to report.

5.4 Student Representative Report-Isis Orchard: Orchard stated that May 20th was jazz night and the middle school jazz band and high school jazz band along with Mr. Lagarde's band Opus one performed. He stated that the band and chorus went on their trip to Philadelphia and placed first place overall. She stated that they finished AP testing. June 1st is the district showcase where many clubs will be represented. She stated that the NHS blood drive was held and had one of the biggest turnouts. She stated that the softball team held a game in honor of Jessica Moore.

5.5 May 9th 2017- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting: Joanne Pepin stated that she removed the minutes as they stated that Isis Orchard gave the student report but it was Dan Smith. A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Brennan to accept the May 9th minutes as amended. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

5.6 Middle School-May Newsletter: Austin stated that there is a correction to the middle school calendar, where it says June 7th is the parent night it is really June 14th. Austin stated that June 1st is the district showcase at Idlehurst and it was really great last year and he was very impressed so he would encourage everyone to attend.

6. ACTION ITEM

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: None

8.2 Budget: Austin stated that you were handed a copy of the budget as of May 23rd. Supt. Mosca stated that although the number looks positive there are a few issues in the budget. We have had a few students move in during the year that were in out of district placements which leaves us with a \$70,000 shortfall and the Medicaid money that we receive as revenue we know we are going to have a shortfall there as well. She stated that they believe that they may have to dip into the special education reserve fund that we were hoping to dip into next year in order to finish out this budget. She stated that we are still waiting on a few numbers and the next time we meet we will have another update for you. She stated that the chances are good we will have to dip into the reserve. Bolduc asked which lines we are talking about. Supt. Mosca stated that the 1200 sped line shows a positive but it does not account for everything we have so it will be lower and then on the revenue side the Medicaid reimbursement there is an estimated balance of \$144,721.52 that we will not receive all of those funds so we have to make up for it on the expense side. Rivers asked if these shortfalls will impact the startup of projects in the summer. Supt. Mosca stated no, it will be billed on next year's budget. Hiller asked why we are not receiving federal Medicaid reimbursement. Supt. Mosca stated that the law changed and in order to receive it transportation needs to be involved so we have students who we used to be able to bill for but now that law has changed and we can't bill for them. Bolduc asked how those projects that will not be billed on until next year will affect next year's budget. Supt. Mosca stated that we will have to be on top of the budget and be careful with spending and watch the first few months so we have a close watch on what we do. Bolduc stated that he would like to be kept up to date on what we have to adjust to make it up. Joanne Pepin stated that on line 2622 utilities it is estimated an additional utilities of \$20,000 with the good news on gas and lighting why is there a shortfall. Supt. Mosca stated that if you remember in the budget process there were items that we don't budget correctly for and I was asking for additional money in utilities that is why

we were trying to do that.

9. MAYOR FORUM DATES:

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **June 13 2017- Somersworth School Board Meeting**
- **June 20 2017- Somersworth School Board Meeting**

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

11.1 Visitors: None

11.2 Board Members: Rivers stated that he appreciates the work of the retirees because he knows that it is a lot of work and extra hours so thanks to them. He stated that Mr. Lagarde always does a great job on everything and he appreciates that. He stated that they did an inventing class at Maple Wood and he read the article so congratulations to the kids involved. Congratulations to the top ten and best wishes. Hiller congratulated the top ten, they were very impressive. She stated that she was specifically impressed by how many women were going on to engineering and science careers. She thanked Mr. Lagarde and the students. She wished best wishes to Linda, Noreen and Bonnie. Yoder thanked Mr. Lagarde and the students for coming to celebrate the retirees and wished them the best of luck. She wished the 8th graders a safe and fun trip to Philadelphia. Bolduc stated that Tamara is leaving us and wish her good luck in her next journey. He stated that the music department is fantastic and it is great to see music coming back to Somersworth high school. He congratulated all the students in the class of 2017 and wished them the best on another journey from this point on. He stated that sometimes we have obstacles to get around to take the right path and he knows they will all be successful. He stated that every day is a good day some are just better than others. Austin stated that he is always impressed with the musicians and they always do more and more to impress me every time they come.

12. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Brennan seconded by Hiller to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (b) Personnel (c) matter, which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person and (e) Negotiations. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited into nonpublic session at 7:47pm. A motion made by Brennan seconded by Hiller to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:35pm.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the nomination of Rilee McCabe. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the nomination of Marissa Henderson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the nomination of Meaghan Varrell. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the nomination of Alicia Days. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Joanne Pepin to accept the nomination of Devin McNelly as the principal of Maple Wood School. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Yoder to accept the resignation of Renee Jerram effective immediatly. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by Yoder to accept the resignation of Matt Endrizzi. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Brennan seconded by hiller to accept the unpaid leave of Kayliegh Cassidy. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Yoder to allow an Idlehurst student to finish the school year. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Brennan seconded by Yoder to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval