

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

March 20th 2018

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: Austin, Richardson, Cannon, Larson, Hanlon, Hiller, Yoder and McCallion. Absent: Brennan
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** None
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** None
 - 3.2 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A motion made by Hanlon seconded by McCallion to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - February 19, 2018- Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Budget Presentation
 - February 19, 2018- Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Hearing on the Budget
 - February 19, 2018- Minutes of the Somersworth School Board Meeting
 - February 15, 2018- Minutes of the Joint City Council & School Board Meeting
 - Maple Wood News-March
 - Enrollment-March
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Lane stated that she had information about a New School Board Training to be held in Concord in May. She had received an email and she thought that the members of the Board had received it also. She stated that it is a worthwhile workshop if you are new to the Board or even if you just want a refresher. She stated that we had had a lot of snow this year and she wanted everyone to know that we are working on a plan so we will not have to go to school into July. She stated the we hope to have a plan in place that we can announce next week. Austin stated that he wanted to emphasize the handout that Lane had shared regarding the School Board workshop in Concord. This is presented by the New Hampshire School Board Association and it is an orientation for new School Board members and it runs from 6:30-8:30 PM. He stated that he encourages all new School Board members to attend. It is a chance to meet other School Board members from around the state.
 - 4.1 Basketball Team who won the Division III Championship at SNHU two weekends ago. She stated that going to the championship games was amazing. She stated that it is intense and the crowds are yelling and the kids are all pumped up. She stated that what impressed her so much about this group of young men was not that they brought the championship home to Somersworth but it was the composure that this team displayed. She stated that they were down in the championship game but they did not get rattled and about mid-third quarter they started to chip away at the difference in points and they kept their cool. She stated that what she thought cost the game for the other team was that they lost their composure and they got emotional and got frustrated. She stated that the School Board should be proud of how they represented Somersworth High School and this community. She stated that they played like champs, they played like professionals. She stated that SNHU was rocking and the community that was present were so supportive. She stated that she was astounded and disappointed with the fans from the other team as they were doing a lot of booing. She stated that Somersworth clapped for the other team when they accepted their runner-up medallions and trophies. She stated that it is a cool moment when the community can come together and that the winning was the icing on the cake. She stated that the comradery was the take away from this and we should all be proud of how this group of young men and their coaches represented Somersworth. She stated that she had a certificate that they could put up on the wall in perhaps the weight room. She stated that Mr. Sokul, the principal of Somersworth High School wanted to say a few words. Sokul asked for Coach Fauci to come forward. He stated that our kids were great. He stated that the journey is over for Coach Fauci and his staff. He stated that he would give him the highest compliment that he could give and that is if my son was in Somersworth High School I would want him being coached by you.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5.1 SAU Team Report: Lane stated that she wanted to highlight some of the things going on in the district. She stated that in her Superintendent role there has been a lot of time spent on the budget. She stated that it has been time well spent. She stated that the Board Members are finding that this is not a 2-meeting per month commitment. She stated that there is a lot of work that happens behind the scenes and that the work they have done in structuring the committees will pay off in the end. She stated that she appreciates the time and the feedback and also, the time that the City Council has spent with us as well. She stated that over the next three weeks she will get the chance to sit with staff that are ready to recertify this year. She stated that every three years the professional staff need to get recertified with the DOE and she sits with them and we use a reflective process around their professional development. She stated that they discuss how they have grown and what they have learned over the past three years. She stated that the only committee that has not begun to meet at this time is the Curriculum and Activities. She stated that Friday, 3/23 is the next professional development day. She stated that the elementary schools are participating in Trauma Sensitive Training for all staff, the Middle School staff will be having a consultant or two to train them on the NWEA Testing which is an assessment tool that we use to help monitor student progress, and the High School will continue their math curriculum work and working on restructuring futures and also working on the building initiatives. She stated that SAT Testing for all Juniors takes place tomorrow and the PSAT 10 will be given to the Sophomores also tomorrow. She stated that we are getting ready for the new Science Assessment which the Juniors will be taking on April 18th. Grades 5-8 will take the Science Assessment later in the year. Krauss stated that she had given everyone a copy of the 18-19 Fiscal Year Budget that had been given to the City Manager in February and this is to go in your Budget Binders. She stated that the prior night, at the City Councilor Meeting, the city auditors had come to present the financials. She stated that she is happy to report that again this year there were no findings. She stated that at the next meeting there would probably be two annual contracts up for renewal for them to review and accept. She stated that one is for Café Services and the other is for transportation. She stated that presently they are being approved by the State and our legal counsel. MacDonald stated that the preschool and kindergarten teachers at Maple Wood continue to use the Pyramid Model to help children progress with their social emotional skills. She stated that she has collaborated with and formed a relationship with Liz Belsito, Coordinator for Somersworth Ready Together Early Childhood Coalition and it is our hope to establish the Pyramid Model in both day care centers as well as the school system. She stated that this would be a great asset to have another team on board to help to improve children's social emotion skills. She stated that Head Start has been using the Pyramid Model for many years and having the daycare centers on board, will only increase success of it. She stated that the Middle School and Maple Wood Elementary have been accepted in the NH UDL (Universal Design for Learning) innovation network and for the next two and a half years these schools will be provided training and professional development to form a meaningful, impactful, professional learning network. She stated that these two schools will continue to receive support from the professionals at CAST. She stated that on March 15 and 16 eight staff/administrators joined me in attending the NHASEA March conference. She stated that the topic was creating trauma sensitive schools. She stated that on Thursday the topic for the day was "*Trauma-Sensitive Schools: Learning Communities Transforming Children's Lives*" presented by Susan E. Craig, Ph.D., Consultant, Professional Development Specialist. She stated that her presentation reviewed the effects of early trauma on students' ability to achieve academic and social mastery. She stated that on Friday, the topic for the day was "*Promoting Learning in the Midst of Crisis: The Primary Role of Educator Resilience and the Ethical Imperative of Self-Care*" presented by Cassie Yackley, Psy.D., PLLC – Licensed Psychologist. She stated that Dr. Yackley focused on taking care of ourselves. She stated that given the high incidence, educators run the risk of developing secondary traumatic stress, compassion fatigue, and ultimately burnout if they are not equipped with the knowledge and tools of self-care. Larson asked how many teachers are trained in the Pyramid Model and how many teachers do you expect to be trained within a year. MacDonald stated that currently we have the preschool teacher at Maple Wood and

the kindergarten teachers at Maple Wood who were trained last summer. She stated that they hope to train the kindergarten teachers at Idlehurst this summer as well as all of our paraprofessionals. She stated that right now the preschool paraprofessionals at Maple wood are trained in Module One but we want to train them in Module Two. Larson asked if there was an associated cost to this training. MacDonald stated that there is a cost to this but because we belong to I Social, which is a grant program, they give us funding every year and this funding covers the cost of the professional development. She stated that we have to pay for the mileage for staff to attend the professional development and for their time outside of their contracted time.

5.2 Standing Committees

- **Budget and Revenue:** Austin stated that they had met last night and one of the items discussed was a recommendation from the Buildings and Grounds Committee that one of the HVAC Units at the High School needs to be replaced and how to fund this purchase. He stated that more work needs to be done by this committee on this so they will discuss it at their next meeting on April 9th. He stated that hopefully at the April 10th Board Meeting the Board will be able to act on it. He stated that they had spent time talking about the current year budget. He stated that they had made a commitment to report back to the City Council by the end of April but we made a request tonight at the Joint Commission Meeting to extend that deadline into the first week of May and the Mayor agreed to present this to the City Council for their support to see if we can make that happen. He stated that the conversation is continuing between the City Finance Committee and the School Finance Committee on looking at the budget to find alternatives to some of the needs we have and the City has.
- **Building, Grounds and Transportation:** McCallion stated that he wanted to thank Katie, Andy and Lori for all their help as the committee is beginning to discuss many things that need to be done in the schools. He stated that they had received five bids for the HVAC replacement unit. He stated that as the Committee looked at the numbers, E&J was right at the number that we needed the bid to be at. He stated that this would be brought back to the Budget Committee and let them decide if we can find the money to do this and move forward.
- **Curriculum & Activities:** None
- **Policy Committee:** Hanlon stated that the Committee would be meeting Thursday, 3/22, immediately following the SAU Meeting.
- **Joint Commission of City Council and School Board:** Austin stated that this committee met prior to the Board Meeting. He stated that we spent time talking about the Building Use Policy that the Policy Committee will be working on. He stated they solicited input from the City Councilors, City Manager and Mayor for the spirit of this policy and what is trying to be accomplished. He stated that it will now go back to the Policy Committee to be reworked so that it is clearer and more effective to use when we have to make decisions as to who uses the buildings and what they will be charged.

5.4 City Council Update: None

5.5 Student Representative Report: Rachel Wattimena: None

6. ACTION ITEM: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Vision 20/20 Committee: None

8.2 Budget: Krauss stated that she wanted to focus on revenue tonight. She stated that we did receive the transfer from the Special Education Reserve Fund that we were using to offset our revenue. She stated that along with that, we have not only received what we estimated we would receive for Medicaid but we have exceeded that amount. She stated that as of March 8th we have unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$14,706.52 in Medicaid Revenue. She stated that everything we receive from now until the end of the year will be unanticipated revenue. She stated that the prior night they had invited the City Manager and City Finance Director to attend The Budget Committee Meeting to talk about how we would access that revenue. She stated

that we have to go to the City Council and request a Supplemental Appropriation for it. She stated that we would want to do that the end of April or the beginning of May. She stated that is why we want to push off the reporting to the City Council to the first week of May so we can get a good handle on this revenue. She stated that there are other pieces that they have received in unanticipated revenue so that at this time, there is a total of \$37,000.00 in unanticipated revenue. She stated that we are still looking for that \$101,000 negative contingency so this is good news .

9. MAYOR FORUM DATES

- **April 14, 2018- Mayor, Ward 3 City Councilor and School Board Member**

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- **March 27, 2018- Somersworth School Board Meeting Non-Public-6 PM- City Hall Chambers**
- **March 27, 2018- Somersworth School Board Meeting-7 PM-City Hall Chambers**
- **March 22, 2018- SAU Board Meeting-5:30 PM- SAU Conference Room**
- **April 10, 2018- Somersworth School Board Meeting-7 PM-City Hall Chambers**

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

11.1 Visitors: None

11.2 Board Members: Hanlon stated that he wanted to congratulate the Boys Basketball Team for the win and showing great sportsmanship. Hiller seconded this sentiment and Yoder agreed. McCallion stated congratulations to the team. Austin stated that Somersworth has been known for their great sportsmanship and that the NHIAA recognized the level of sportsmanship we have here and the fact that there are no violations, no suspensions with our teams. He stated that this is something to be proud of as it does not happen everywhere. He stated Congratulations to everyone involved in our sports programs.

12. NON-PUBLIC: A motion made by Hanlon seconded by Hiller to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with Chapter 91-A: 3 II (c) matter 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 7:35 pm. A motion made by McCallion seconded by Richardson to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:35pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by McCallion seconded by Yoder to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Melinda Sullivan
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval