

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

August 13, 2019

City Hall Chambers

7:00pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Richardson, Hanlon, Yoder, Potter, Cannon, Marsh and McCallion. Excused: Larson and O'Brien
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 Cannon to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - Summary of the Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee Meeting- June 25, 2019
 - Summary of the Policy Committee Meeting-June 24, 2019
 - Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting- June 25, 2019
 - Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Retreat, July 9, 2019
 - Minutes from the JBC Meeting- June 25, 2019
 - Minutes from the JBC Meeting-July 9, 2019
 - Summary of the Policy Committee Meeting-July 29, 2019
 - Summary of the Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee Meeting- August 5, 2019
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - 4.1 **Superintendent's Update:**
 - **CIP Update:** Gadomski stated that the Board had gone through the CIP last year and we are in the process of giving this to the City for their update as well. He stated that this went to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and there are three updates in the CIP that you saw last year. He stated that one is the Middle School replacement of boilers and controls and that is in FY 24 for \$400,000, Middle School roof replacement for \$250,000 in FY 24 and the High School roof replacement in FY25 for \$ 350,000. He stated that he wanted to bring those changes to your attention and answer any questions and, if none, we will bring this forward to the City.
 - **Personnel Update:** Gadomski stated that they have one more teacher that they are in the process of hiring. He stated that they are very fortunate to have a wonderful pool of talent joining us for the fall and the school year. He stated that he wanted to introduce Nancy Michaud, the new Student Services Director. He stated that Maxwell Ferguson is the new Assistant Principal at Maple Wood. He stated that Chris Tebo is our new High School Principal. He stated that he wanted to welcome Todd Marsh to the School Board. He stated that the custodial staff have been doing a monumental job this summer in getting things ready. He stated that with the renovations at Maple Wood they have not even been able to touch that building up until this week. He stated that they have been mobilizing as a troop and going from building to building to get them ready. He stated that they had started at Maple Wood today in some of the wings. He stated that there may be some areas at Maple Wood as in the common area and the hall that we can get to right after school opens. He stated that the CTC floor has been redone in the Culinary. It is hardening right now and in the next few days the equipment will go back into the kitchen. He stated that he wanted to recognize the staff throughout the district because there have been a number of staff who have come in for Professional Development opportunities throughout the summer.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 5.1 **Standing Committees:**
 - **Budget and Revenue:** None
 - **Building, Grounds and Transportation:** McCallion stated that the staff have been talking about the fields. He stated that they will be meeting with Ingoldsby and Hodsdon so that there is a collaboration that people know that they have to go through these people to get things done.

He stated that if you need things having to do with buildings you need to talk to Ingoldsby. He stated that if you need things from the athletics you need to deal with Hodsdon. He stated that any other issues you talk to Lane at the SAU. He stated that they plan to bring the CIP out more often.

● **Curriculum and Activities:** None

● **Policy Committee:** Hanlon stated that they had met the prior night and reviewed a handful of policies. He stated that they have some coming forward tonight for a first reading and second reading. He stated that he wanted to call attention to policy EFAA-Food Service Meal Payment Charging Policy and Procedure. He stated that there has been a specific change to this in that the district now has the ability to collect unpaid amounts.

● **Joint Commission of City Council and School Board:** None

● **Joint Building Committee for Maple Wood Project:** McCallion stated that Maple Wood has walls being closed up, paint being put on the walls, metal on the door frames being installed and things are just coming together. He stated that you have the electricians, the plumbers, all working together. He stated that the bricks are being laid out front. He stated that the new lighting is looking great. He stated that the boiler units are being installed.

5.2 City Council Update: Pepin stated that he wanted to let the SAU know there will be repaving of roads in September, specifically Stackpole Road.

5.3 Student Representative Report: None

5.4 Rollinsford RFI for SAU Services: Gadomski stated that the Rollinsford Withdrawal Committee is in full steam on the possibility of withdrawing from SAU 56. He stated that they are presently sending out requests for information to area SAUs to see if any SAUs are interested in contracting services and what that might look like. He stated that he is bringing forward a request to the Board for consideration of offering contracted services to Rollinsford if they want to contract services back with Somersworth. Richardson stated that they wanted responses back by August 24th. He stated that the Board needs to vote to waive Board rules so that we can meet that time frame and act on it tonight. Hanlon made a motion seconded by Cannon to waive Board rules to vote on this tonight by roll call. Vote: motion passed, unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEM: Gadomski stated that what is being considered is if the Somersworth School Board is willing to entertain a future discussion about having Rollinsford contract services back with them. He stated that the other item is if there are any financial parameters to this. He stated, from there, if this was to be the end result, then both school boards would have to sit down and negotiate a final contract. He stated that right now this is to let them know if we are interested in exploring this and if so, do you have any financial parameters in mind. Richardson stated that the Rollinsford School Board has voted for Rollinsford to withdraw. He stated that it has to go to their voters in March. Hanlon made a motion seconded by McCallion to begin the process to let them know we are willing to have them contract services with us and that we use the current funding formula as defined by the RSA. Richardson stated that they would be charged the same as they are paying now. Gadomski stated that this is not a final in or out. He stated that what it says to them is yes we are interested and that by this motion you would use the current formula for calculating any kind of fee for services. He stated that it will still need to be finalized by the voters as the school boards will negotiate the contract. Richardson stated that it also has to go to the State for final approval. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 First Reading of Policies: Hanlon made a motion seconded by Potter to read the First Reading of Policies by title only. Richardson asked if we have the staff to administer Policy DAF which is 27 pages long? Gadomski stated that we need to have the staff because we need to follow this policy as it is federally mandated. He stated that we will follow this policy and yes, it is always a challenge. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

- DAF- Administration of Federal Grant Funds
- EFAA- Food Service Meal Payment Charging Policy and Procedure
- JFABB-R- Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

8.2 Second Reading of Policies: BEDG-Minutes:

- DID-Fixed Assets

Potter made a motion seconded by Hanlon to accept Policy DID as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

9. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- August 27, 2019- Somersworth Building, Grounds & Transportation Meeting- 5:30 PM
- August 27, 2019-Somersworth School Board Meeting-7:00 PM, City Hall
- September 10, 2019-Somersworth Policy Committee Meeting- 5:30 PM
- September 10, 2019- Somersworth School Board Meeting- 7:00 PM City Hall
- September 16, 2019- SAU 56 Board Meeting- 6:30 PM, Mulligans Grill CTC
- September 24, 2019- Somersworth Budget & Revenue Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
- September 24, 2019- Somersworth School Board Meeting-7:00 PM.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 Board Members: McCallion stated that he welcomes Marsh to the Board. He stated he welcomed Michaud as Student Services Director. He stated that he wanted to recognize Lane for the hard work in the past two years in dealing with the CTC flooring. He stated that the flooring is finally done with no cost to us. Yoder welcomed Marsh to the Board. Hanlon welcomed Marsh and Michaud and all of the staff that are coming back. Marsh stated that he wanted to thank everyone for their warm welcome. He stated that it has been a few years since he has been on the School Board. He stated that all of his experiences after the School Board have been shaped by what he learned then. He stated that we all know how interconnected all the departments of the City are to the schools. He stated that he looks forward to working with the community. He stated that he appreciates the City Councils support of his appointment. Potter welcomed Tebo to the high school and that he looks forward to working with him. Cannon stated that Tebo was going to be put to work. She stated that we go through these policies rather quickly at meetings. She stated that folks need to know that we hold policy meetings and we spend a lot of time going through them. She stated that we work closely with Lane to make sure that they pertain to our school district. She stated that we get them from the New Hampshire School Board Association and they do not always align to the way we do business in Somersworth so we work hard to make sure that they are in line with the way we run our schools. Richardson stated that policy is a wordsmithing job to make them understandable and clear. He stated that many of the policies are geared towards SB2 Towns. He stated that he wanted to give Lane some praise as to the CTC floor. He stated that this was something that went wrong that was not the school districts fault. He stated that with Lanes leadership they were going to stand their ground. He stated that the floor was installed incorrectly. He stated that he wanted to welcome Michaud.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Hanlon made a motion seconded by Potter to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Melinda Sullivan
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval