SALEM SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #57
SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2017
7:00 p.m.
SHS TV Studio

MINUTES

Present:
Mrs. Pamela Berry, Chairman
Mr. Bernard Campbell, Vice Chairman
Mr. Peter Morgan, Secretary
Mrs. Patricia Corbett, Member

Also Present:
Dr. Michael Delahanty, Ed. D., Superintendent
Mrs. Maura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Deborah Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations
Mrs. Diana Darnstaedt, Director of Finance

Absent:
Mr. Michael Carney, Jr., Member

Mrs. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MONTHLY PRESENTATION ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - Fisk School
Mrs. Palmer introduced Principal of the Fisk School, Mr. Murray to introduce the presentation about the yearly play production the students participate in.

Mr. Murray first thanked the board for their continued support to him and to his staff, and stated that he is happy to be able to share this presentation tonight. He explained that the Children’s Stage Adventures (CSA) is a week-long residency program where two professional teachers come out and live with Fisk School families for a week while they work during the day with the Fisk students on the performance. A video showing clips of the CSA in action was then shown. Mr. Murray introduced Mr. Rose who spoke about the importance of the arts in student’s lives. He also explained that this five day experience starts with the casting of characters on Monday to the final performance on Friday including costumes and set design. He stated students build confidence, cooperation, creativity, responsibility, and also acquire new friendships.

He then introduced Lisa, a student from Fisk School, to the board. She stated that she has been part of the CSA since she was in the 2nd grade and has enjoyed it every year. She stated students should always take a chance and try something new and if they do there’s a chance they’ll get better and better at it. There was then another video shown of several Fisk students, as well a high school freshman who is a Fisk School alumni. Each student spoke about their involvement in the CSA program and how it has changed and challenged them.
Mrs. Corbett stated that she is thrilled with the skills that the students are gaining from this program, and asked how the play is chosen and how the scenery is created. Fisk School teacher Deanna Dufour stated that they book the performance a year ahead of time and the CSA chooses the play that will be performed. They then assign the two actors to spend the week. The individuals also bring the main parts of the costumes students will need as well as the props and parts of the set. She explained that sometimes there are small parts that need to be built or made by the students.

Dr. Delahanty asked Mr. Murray how the program is funded. Mr. Murray answered that there is a cost associated with this program but the PTA, over the last five years, has funded the majority of the program. The cost is approximately $2,600. Dr. Delahanty stated that this program is a benefit to the students who are involved and that it is very successful. He asked Mr. Murray if having the district absorb the cost of the production would perhaps help the program and even be a way to spread it to the other district schools for their involvement. Mr. Murray agreed with the Superintendent and stated that the program grows every year and funding would be a great thing. Dr. Delahanty thanked everyone for the presentation and for making this program available.

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**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting**
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to adopt the minutes as circulated.
  
  Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of the minutes from the December 20, 2016 Regular Meeting/Planning Session**
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adopt the minutes as circulated.
  
  Motion carried 4-0

Vendor and payroll manifests were passed for signature.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Leave of Absence**
Victoria Earle, Art Teacher at Soule and Lancaster, maternity leave on or about April 5, 2017, until the end of the school year.

**Co-curricular nomination**
Samantha Cloutier, Assistant gymnastics coach at the high school (Male and female teams)

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mrs. Corbett to adopt the consent agenda as read by the Chairman.
  
  Motion carried 4-0
OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

Chromebook Bid Award
Dr. Delahanty introduced the Director of Information Technology, Mr. Hasbany to discuss a bid for the purchase 70 Chromebook computers. Mr. Hasbany stated that 50 Chromebooks will be used for regular education, and 20 will be used in the CTE center. He recommended the bid be awarded to CDW-G in the amount of $14,735 which was lowest of the nine bidders.

Mr. Campbell asked if there was any reason to not go with Sunnytech for the bid where we work with them often and the difference in the bid is only approximately $35. Mr. Hasbany stated this is a commodity and that going with the lowest bidder is the best practice. Dr. Delahanty stated there may be a point when we could do that but CDW-G is the lowest bidder and if we continue to only award bids to the same vendors it could discourage other vendors for competing for contracts.

Dr. Delahanty asked Mr. Hasbany to explain the difference between laptops and Chromebooks. Mr. Hasbany stated the laptops have windows or mac operating systems, while Chromebooks run a lighter Chrome system. He explained that if it is web based work, it can be done using a Chrome browser. The Chromebooks do have limitations and for example, cannot have Microsoft office installed on them, but that they will serve the students well and are less expensive than laptops.

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. Morgan to award the bid for 70 Lenovo Chromebooks to CDW-G in the amount of $14,735.  

Motion carried 4-0

Approval of Warrant Articles

Article 2 - Budget
Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Morgan to place on the warrant.
Motion carried 4-0

Article 3 - SEPA
Motion by Mrs. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Campbell to place this article on the warrant with recommendation.
Motion carried 4-0

Article 4 - SSCEA
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Campbell to place this article on the warrant with recommendation.
Motion carried 4-0

Article 5 – SESPA
Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to place this article on the warrant with recommendation.
Motion carried 4-0
Mr. Campbell, acting as Chairman recognized Mrs. Berry for the following motion:

**Article 6 – SAFSP**
Motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to place this article on the warrant with recommendation.

Motion carried 4-0

Acting as Chairman, Mrs. Berry also noted that the Deliberative Session will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

**Acceptance of Auditor’s Report**
Dr. Delahanty stated this report is the audit of the fiscal year that ended in June of 2016. He stated there are no exceptions in this audit. He stated that the audit was conducted by Vachon, Clukay and Company and that this is the first time there were no recommended changes.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to accept the audit for the financial statements from Vachon, Clukay, & Co.

Motion carried 4-0

**APPOINTMENT PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – None

**PRESENTATION OF POLICIES/REPORTS BY SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF**

**Facilities Renovation, Phase III Update**
Dr. Delahanty stated that on Saturday, January 28, the building will be available to tour. He stated the mechanical, electrical and plumbing is being completed. He noted that the auditorium stage floor was on its way and the seating has been installed. The new main entrance will be open on January 18, following the long weekend, the offices are set up, and the library is complete with everything being moved into those spaces over the long weekend. The final inspection is this week along with the final cleaning.

**Grand Opening Discussion**
Dr. Delahanty stated the Grand Opening of the Seifert Performing Arts Center will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2017. It will include a welcome from Tracy Collyer, SHS Principal, who will also introduce the School Board. Mrs. Berry and Mr. Cassedy will speak and a video montage will be shown. The Superintendent will also speak and introduce the Actors Guild. After that, SHS graduate Dr. Dominick DiOrtio, an Associate Professor of Music who wrote the original commissioned piece for the Grand Opening called *Mark This Day*, will direct the band and chorus during the performance. There will be closing remarks and an invitation to enjoy a reception in the lobby along with self guided tours.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
Mrs. Berry stated Mr. Campbell will be presenting the warrant articles to the budget committee tomorrow.
Future Meeting Dates
January 11, 2017; Preliminary Warrant Articles to Municipal Budget Committee
January 12, 2017; Public Hearing and Final Vote on Warrant Articles
January 17, 2017; Planning Session
January 24, 2017; Regular Meeting
February 9, 2017; Deliberative Session

Future Agenda Items
Woodbury Schedule
Multi-dimensional Assessments – Woodbury & Salem High School
Enrollment Study
Rockingham Race Track Project

Adjournment
Motion by Mrs. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn.
Motion carried 4-0

The board adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
January 10, 2017