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

Planning Session

October 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.
SHS TV Studio

MINUTES

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

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

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. He
then requested that the JROTC discussion be moved up on the agenda. No one opposed.

AGENDA

JROTC Reinstatement
Dr. Delahanty stated that late last week he received news from the Air Force JROTC program
director that the Air Force would like to reinstate the program at Salem High School as a full
fledge program. He explained that Salem was on the cusp of losing the program due to the
decline of enrollment, but through the many efforts Maj. Blazak and Chief Puzzo, the corps is
now 130 cadets strong.

Motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to authorize the Superintendent to sign the
paperwork to reinstate the JROTC program.

Motion carried 5-0

Cadet Sam Tilton, Group Commander, came forward to thank the board for approving the
reinstatement and thanked the cadets from this year and previous years for all their hard work
and dedication.
**Landscape Proposal**

Dr. Delahanty introduced Mr. Jim Allen, Landscape Designer with Freshwater Farms to the board. He stated that Mr. Allen is a Salem resident who lives near the Soule School area. At this time Mr. Allen showed pictures of landscaping concepts for Fisk and Soule Schools to the board. There were current pictures of the grounds compared to what they would look like nicely landscaped. He explained and described the types of trees, flowers, and grasses that would be used in each area. Mr. Allen stated all of the trees and flowers he chose for both schools are very low maintenance and that they will fill the spaces nicely. Dr. Delahanty thanked Mr. Allen and stated he will have a final cost for the landscaping brought to the board.

**Title I**

Dr. Delahanty introduced the Director of Literacy, Dr. Marshall, to discuss the Title I program. Dr. Marshall stated that Title I is a federally funded program based on the free and reduced lunch count in the district and the schools involved, but that it services any student in need of support in the identified schools. She said that Title I is a supplemental program to enhance the literacy program the district already provides to students. She explained that based on the numbers this year, Soule School has five Title I teachers and one assistant, and Fisk and Lancaster Schools each have four teachers. Because the program is tied to free and reduced lunch numbers, the state funding varies from year to year, but the district continues to provide services to students.

Dr. Marshall explained that Title I is offered to students by taking them from class for 30 minutes. During that time the Title I teacher is very diligent to keep students focused on the timed tasks at hand. There are also opportunities for additional support which would take place in the classroom during a literacy, reading, or writing block.

Dr. Delahanty stated that the district is very fortunate to have Dr. Marshall. He stated she is very knowledgeable about everything involved with Title I, and that she works closely with the reading specialists.

**OTHER**

Mr. Campbell asked about the budget books. Dr. Delahanty stated they will be delivered on Thursday to the board members.

Dr. Delahanty reminded everyone that tomorrow is an early release day from school and that the high school demolition begins, as well.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0

The board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
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