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

Regular Meeting

September 8, 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.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the August 18, 2015; Regular Meeting/Planning Session
Mr. Morgan requested the following change:
Page 2, line 42, Delete “motion carried 5-0”
Pg 3 line 4, insert “Amended motion carried 5-0”

Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adopt the minutes as changed.
Motion carried 5-0

Approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2015; Regular Meeting
Mr. Morgan requested the following change:
Page 3, line 29, change the word “for” to “to proceed with”

Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Berry to adopt the minutes as changed.
Motion carried 5-0

Vendor and payroll manifests were passed for signature.
CONSENT AGENDA

Nominations
Stephanie Johnson, Special Education Teacher at Salem High School (Federally Funded)
Matthew St. Hilaire, Special Education Teacher at Woodbury Middle School (Federally Funded)

Co-curricular Nominations
Kara Christesen, Sophomore Co-Advisor
Greta Gauthier, Homework Club Coordinator for the district
Cheryl O’Hare, North Salem Homework Club Coordinator
Jennifer Hiort, North Salem Social Media Coordinator
Kaela Daly, Soule School Homework Club Coordinator
Charlene Petty-Michaud, Soule School Social Media Coordinator

Woodbury:
Rino Beninati, Basketball Coach (F)
Fred Hutchinson, Basketball Coach (M)
Mark Drugan, Class S Basketball Coach (F)
Justin Webber, Class S Basketball Coach (M)
Whitney Halloran, Cheerleading Coach

Leave of Absence
Sarah Andrews, Kindergarten teacher at Lancaster School, maternity leave February 15, 2016 through end of school year.

Motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to adopt the consent agenda as read by the Chairman.

Motion carried 5-0

MONTHLY PRESENTATION ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - None

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

Acceptance of Grant – Fisk Elementary School
Dr. Delahanty introduced Principal Mr. George Murray of Fisk Elementary School to discuss the grant being offered to Fisk School.

Mr. Murray explained that Fisk School applied for a grant from Whole Foods. He stated that Whole Foods and the Whole Kids Foundation awarded $2,000 to Fisk School, and that he hopes to use these funds to create and build a school garden to provide hands-on learning experiences for the students. The cost will also include the purchase of soil, seeds, and equipment. He explained that there is a grassy area outside, that will be prepared and cultivated by the students including during the summer months.

Motion by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Berry to accept the $2,000 grant from Whole Foods and Whole Kids Foundation to begin a school garden at Fisk school.

Motion carried 5-0
NHSBA Resolutions
Dr. Delahanty stated the deadline to submit any resolutions to the NHSBA is October 23, 2015, and suggested that the board evaluate any possible resolutions to submit before that time.

Proposed Cell Phone Tower
Dr. Delahanty stated there is a proposed cell phone tower being installed adjacent to the North Salem School property. Parents have contacted the town and urged them not to build the tower so close to the school, due to concerns of radio frequencies, and the possible hazard to children’s health. Dr. Delahanty stated that he did research this issue, and he then provided information to the board members. After some discussion, the board agreed that there is no harm in the cell phone tower being built near North Salem, especially since the proposed location is approximately a quarter mile away from the school.

Policy JCA, Change of School Assignment
Dr. Delahanty explained that this is a required policy change. The change will reflect that the school board must approve changes of school assignments for students from one school district or SAU to another. Prior to this change, the Superintendent would discuss the student’s situation and decide whether a change of school assignment was in their best interest. Now this would require the request to come before the school board. This policy will return to the board for a second reading.

APPOINTMENT PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

PRESENTATION OF POLICIES/REPORTS BY SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

Opening of School
Dr. Delahanty stated that with the number of changes this year, the transitions for the first days of school went very smoothly. He gave high regard to the support staff, the transportation coordinator, school secretaries, principals, teachers, and custodians for how seamless things ran.

He then reviewed the enrollment totals for each school. He stated Barron has a total of 407 students, Fisk has 212, Lancaster has 295, North Salem has 348, and Soule School has 229 students bringing the elementary level to 1,491 students. The SEED program also has 29 students enrolled. Woodbury has 890 students, and Salem High School has 1,217.

SHS CTE Renovation, Phase III
Dr. Delahanty reported that the road to the back of school has taken shape and the layout of the location for the four court gym will begin soon. The existing auditorium and band room will be coming down soon. The wood floor for the gym was delivered last week, but they have held off installing it due to the humidity. The gym should be ready for use by the third week in October.

Dr. Delahanty stated that the cafeteria kitchen is coming along, and the students are happy with the new, air conditioned, comfortable cafeteria. The kitchen is expected to be completed by October. He also explained that they are expecting to switch to the new server room on Friday.
INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Carney confirmed the following open house assignments:
September 17: Barron – Mrs. Berry, Lancaster - Mr. Morgan, North Salem – Mr. Carney, Soule
– Mr. Campbell
September 16: Mr. Carney for Woodbury grades 7&8
September 9: Mr. Campbell for Woodbury grade 6.

Future Agenda Items
September 15, 2015; Planning Session
September 22, 2015; Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015; Regular Meeting
October 20, 2015; Planning Session
October 27, 2015; Regular Meeting

Adjournment
Motion by Mrs. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Berry to adjourn.
Motion carried 5-0

The board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
September 8, 2015