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

Regular Meeting / Planning Session
March 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.
SHS TV Studio

MINUTES

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

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

Mrs. Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Pamela Berry and Michael Carney were sworn into office prior to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the February 17, 2015 Planning Session.
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adopt the minutes as circulated.
Motion carried 5-0

Approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adopt the minutes as circulated.
Motion carried 4-0-1
Mr. Carney abstained

Vendor and payroll manifests were passed for signature.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation
Oliver Frid, Art Teacher at Woodbury Middle School effective at the end of the year

Motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Carney to adopt the consent agenda as read.
Motion carried 5-0
MONTHLY PRESENTATION ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - North Salem School

Mrs. Palmer introduced the North Salem School Principal Janice Wilkins to the board to make their school presentation on social skills.

Principal Wilkins stated social skills influence success of students in all aspects of the school day. She stated that not all children have the social skills they need, so they need to be taught and addressed. Students are usually recognized by their teacher or by the parent for needing to focus on developing their social skills. These groups of students then work with guidance counselor Michelle Bedigian and Speech and Language Pathologist Elizabeth Geraneo. Mrs. Wilkins then thanked the Arlington Pond Protective Association for their generous donation which allowed for the purchase of 6 iPad minis that students use for the social skill building.

It was explained that Mrs. Bedigian and Mrs. Geraneo work with students on how to successfully express ideas and understand others’ ideas by recognizing facial expression, tone of voice and body language. In the classroom, students work on greeting each other, taking turns in conversation, and using conversation builder applications on the iPads. In addition to the use of iPads it was explained that students take part in role playing scenarios in order to help encourage proper conversations with others. Because the children feel like they are playing a video game, they are very excited to use the iPads for learning and are very motivated. A video was shown of students working in a group demonstrating the iPad application as well as the role playing.

Dr. Delahanty thanked the North Salem staff for their presentation. He also noted that a copy of the video presentation will be posted on the website and forwarded to the school board members individually to be viewed due to the problem with the sound during the presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

Salem High School Graduation Date

Dr. Delahanty stated there have been four snow days this year and the original last day of school was scheduled for June 15. By holding school on the two tentative in service days in March, the last day of school is now scheduled for Wednesday, June 17. He then recommended that the graduation be scheduled for Friday, June 12.

Mr. Campbell asked if there is a rain date for the graduation. Dr. Delahanty stated we traditionally set the rain date for the next day on Saturday, rain or shine at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Berry to schedule the class of 2015 graduation date as Friday, June 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., on Grant Field at Salem High School and subject to weather protocol with a rain date of Saturday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion carried 5-0

At this time Mrs. Corbett took a moment to thank the community for their support of the school warrant articles that were voted on successfully last week.

Sign MS-22
Dr. Delahanty stated that the MS-22 is a required form by the Department of Revenue Administration following the approval of the operating budget. It outlines the appropriations as voted. Copies of the MS-22 were circulated for board member signatures.

Mrs. Corbett stated that the board would next have a hands-on presentation of the interactive projectors recently installed by Mr. Hasbany, IT Director and Amy Chartrain, Technology Integration Specialist. She thanked everyone for watching the meeting and the board recessed at this time.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Carney to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0

The board adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

[Signature]
Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
March 17, 2015