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

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Seifert Performing Arts Center

MINUTES

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

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. He noted that the meeting is taking place in its temporary quarters at the Seifert Performing Arts Center.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the May 23, 2017 Public Hearing
Mr. Carney requested the following correction:
Line 40 change to read “No further action required”

Motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Dr. Corbett to adopt the minutes with the correction.
Motion carried 5-0

Approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2017 Goal Setting Session
Motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Dr. Corbett to adopt the minutes as presented.
Motion carried 5-0

Vendor and payroll manifests were passed for signature.

CONSENT AGENDA - None
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT - None

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

IDEA Grant Acceptance
The Superintendent stated that the IDEA grant is a federal entitlement grant. He stated the funds are for special needs students and all funds are dedicated to salaries for staff that work with those students such as occupational and physical therapists. He said the bulk of it is for eight special education teachers. He noted that there is about $5,000 more than anticipated and asked that the board accept the funds in the amount of $767,482.49.

Motion by Mrs. Berry seconded by Mr. Carney to accept the IDEA grant in the amount of $767,482.49 and authorize its expenditure for the 2017-2018 year.
Motion carried 5-0

Policy BEDB -- Agendas (1st reading)
Mr. Campbell pointed out the redline version of the new agenda schedule which shows changes to reshuffle the order of business. He stated the recognitions will be right after roll call along with presentations so that individuals will not have to wait for the Board to conduct their business items. Mr. Campbell stated the language on the regulation is also rewritten to reflect the changes being proposed.

This policy will return for a second reading and adoption by the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORTS

Operating Budget Report
The Superintendent stated that this report is for the end of May, and the next one will represent information much closer to the end of the year. He stated there are balances in some of the salary accounts and grounds maintenance, and there are over expenditures for substitutes and custodians. Further, some special education students were placed outside of the district and that is always difficult to estimate so there's an overage there. He stated the unreserved fund balance is a little more than $900,000 but we had hoped for more. As far as revenue, Dr. Delahanty stated the district has received or expects to receive most of what was anticipated.

FOOD SERVICE
Dr. Delahanty stated there was an increase in sales for reimbursable meals, breakfast, and equivalent meals. He noted that even adult sales were up in the last month so income has improved, which is better than operating at a loss. He stated the average participation at the middle school is behind, but the director knows that is a priority for this upcoming school year.

APPOINTMENT PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC -- None
PRESENTATION OF POLICIES/REPORTS BY SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

Phase III Construction
Dr. Delahanty stated we are entering the last year of the renovation project which is going to be the most inconveniencing year for students and staff. He said they will be shutting down a whole original wing of the building for the first half of the year, and a second wing for the second half of the year. The CTE center will also be demolished and restructured. Phase 4 is the automotive building D and the punch list is being finished up there. Equipment is moving in there including some of the lifts. Dr. Delahanty said building C is the Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) wing. He said there is overhead rough, priming and painting of the walls being done, and noted that Harvey is leaving some windows off in order to move products inside the building.

The old office and guidance areas will be finished in the next few weeks, with flooring being put in. This Saturday they will be moving the primary server and racks up to the new main distribution feed from its location in the CTE center. There will be a short disruption of service for a couple hours with no access to the internet. Also this week the bus port demolition will begin. He stated there will be a lot of heavy excavation to remove the thick concrete slab that is currently there.

Dr. Delahanty stated the issue with the soundproof door in the band and chorus room will be taken care of by building a small vestibule between the two rooms so there is an airlock between band and chorus. Along with the two sound proof doors, this should hopefully help with the sound issue.

Other
Dr. Delahanty stated the July 4th celebration on Grant Field is going to be very extensive and family friendly this year. He stated it will begin at 5:00 with food and drinks, games and tethered hot air balloon rides. There will also be a Salem Idol singing competition.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - None

Future Meeting Dates
July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting/Planning Session

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

The board adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
June 20, 2017