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

Regular Meeting

August 22, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Seifert Performing Arts Center

MINUTES

Present:
Mr. Bernard Campbell, Chairman
Dr. Patricia Corbett, Vice Chairman
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

Absent:
Mr. Michael Carney, Jr., Secretary

Mr. Campbell 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 July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting/Planning Session
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Dr. Corbett to adopt the minutes as circulated.

Motion carried 4-0

Vendor and payroll manifests were passed for signature.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nominations
Heather Harvey, Science Teacher at Woodbury
Kelly Parker, Soule School Elementary teacher
Kimberly Petersen, Special Education teacher (federally funded) at Woodbury
Katie Scurrah, Business Teacher at SHS
Stephen Sylvain, English Teacher at SHS
Co-curricular Nomination
David Starin, Freshmen (f) volleyball coach at SHS

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

Motion carried 4-0

PRESENTATION ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - None

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

Policy GDQ – Support Staff Suspension and Dismissal
Dr. Delahanty stated that this will allow the Superintendent to discharge a non-certified member of the district staff. He stated at a previous meeting that there was a concern with the language not addressing certified support staff. The Superintendent reviewed the language with the Board.

Motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Dr. Corbett to approve the Support Staff Suspension and Dismissal policy GDQ as of 8/22/17.

Motion carried 4-0

Policy IGE – Exceptions to Use of Specific Course Materials
Dr. Delahanty stated this policy was first adopted in 2012, and that it gives parents the right to object to materials being taught, and to allow parents to provide alternative learning materials. He stated that new legislation requires school officials to notify parents in advance when there is material related to human sexuality and behaviors. He stated that it would probably relate more to students at the middle school level, so Woodbury parents will have a letter sent home at the beginning of the year notifying them of the standards used.

Mrs. Berry asked how the student receives a grade on the alternative parentally provided material. Dr. Delahanty stated there would have to be an agreement on how it is assessed, and would work with the teachers as well. Mr. Campbell suggested one wording change that will be made to the policy. This will be brought back for a second reading.

121 N. Main Street Discussion
Dr. Delahanty stated that he contacted Dale Gerry of Shurtleff Appraisals, about assessing the value of the property at 121 N. Main Street. His appraisal for that property is $420,000 and the Superintendent wants to know how the Board would like to proceed as far a selling the property or keeping it.

Mr. Morgan suggested a Planning Session would be good but perhaps after the enrollment projections are complete. Dr. Delahanty stated the enrollment will be done by mid October so we can discuss this further in November. Mr. Campbell read the appraisal and asked if district counsel could investigate the extraordinary assumption and if there is an issue with the title of this property.
APPOINTMENT PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

PRESENTATION OF POLICIES/REPORTS BY SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

Summer Academy Update
Mrs. Palmer stated there were many professional development academies that took place this summer, and then reviewed the different groups. Teachers from all school levels came together. She stated some of the academies had small groups of teachers, but there was as many as 108 for curriculum work in the four content areas.

She stated the Curriculum Cabinet is the group that created the themes for the academies and all of them relate to the School Board goals and curriculum. Some of the topics discussed were a review of instructional calendars, unit planning, and grade reporting. All participants will be speaking to their staff as far as the outcome of the academies and the work will continue during the school year. Mrs. Palmer stated she is proud of the teachers and staff for their hard work this summer.

Mrs. Corbett asked how many teachers attended this summer and how this work will carry on throughout the new school year. Mrs. Palmer answered there were probably over 200. The Grade Reporting Academy has specific goals to work on to achieve through December. She explained there are also lib guides that were created for teachers to look at and plan from.

Enrollment Update
Dr. Delahanty stated there have been students added and lost in different grades. The projected number for kindergarten was 213 students, and there are currently 224. First grade was projected at 247, and there are only 212 which is a little lower than anticipated. At the high school, freshman numbers are up, but sophomore numbers are down. The juniors and seniors are only down slightly, while the middle school is very close to the projection.

Phase III Project Update
Mrs. Collyer approached the Board and stated the student school schedules and map of the school layout for the year is available on the portal for students and parents. She briefly reviewed the information with the Board, and explained where certain classes will be held due to the construction. She explained that there are now six temporary classrooms in the gym instead of only three which will help with space needed. She stated every space in the building has been placed along with Mr. Dodge’s help. Mrs. Collyer stated there will be 11 science classrooms, FACS, health science technology, CADD, engineering available in the second quarter. At that point they will decide if those classes should stay where they are or move into their permanent location. She stated all programs are running this year, and although the first quarter may be challenging, she is ready for the school year to begin.

Dr. Delahanty stated there was a meeting today and he is very confident that we will meet the timeline of opening Building C and finishing Building A by the time second semester begins.
INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Delahanty stated the staff begins school this Thursday, and the freshmen and sixth grade students begin on Monday, August 28, with all remaining students starting on Tuesday, August 29th. The official first day of school is Tuesday.

Future Meeting Dates
August 29, 2017; Regular Meeting/planning session

Future Agenda Items
None

Adjournment
Motion by Dr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Berry to adjourn.
  Motion carried 4-0

The board adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
8/22/17