

SAU #35 EXECUTIVE BOARD
SAU CENTRAL OFFICE
KITCHEN AREA
260 COTTAGE STREET
LITTLETON, NH 03561

DATE: March 2, 2011
TIME: 5:30 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Tina Peabody; Board Members Vinnie Spiotti, Christine Ash, Toni Butterfield, Bob Adams, Marilyn Booth; Superintendent Paul MacMillan; Business Manager Sandy Stone

Chairman Peabody call the meeting to order at 17:35

PUBLIC INPUT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2011 MEETING – It was asked to correct February at the top of the page and January in the acceptance of the minutes for last month. MOTION MADE BY CHRISTINE ASH, SECONDED BY BOB ADAMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2011 MEETING AS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent MacMillan explained how the office move went. He thanked the SAU office staff for all the work they did in preparing and helping with the move. Superintendent MacMillan explained how smoothly and quickly the move went because everyone was so well organized. He explained how everyone had diagramed their office space out and it made very easy for the movers to set up the office spaces. We were able to move the offsite storage racks and files on Thursday afternoon. The Crowley Moving Company had given us an estimate of \$5,100.00 and the bill came in something like \$3,100.00. Superintendent MacMillan said the head of the moving crew came down and thanked us for being so well organized versus the group that was moving into our space. They appreciated all of our help and flexibility. Mr. MacMillan said the technology and communications switch over went pretty smoothly with Allen Peihl directing and organizing this move. Dan Ingham from Profile and Ben Jellison from Lisbon came Friday morning to help Allen. The only glitch was FairPoint who said they could not come because of the weather and one of their installers had fallen that morning and broke their wrist. Then they called and said they would be coming. FairPoint arrived at approximately 17:00 and Allen had everything back up and running at 19:00. Overall it went very smoothly. Sandy Stone said we were not down for very long. Chairman Peabody said the SAU staff came through again. She asked Superintendent MacMillan to make sure to thank all the SAU staff for their great work. Superintendent MacMillan thanked Chairman Peabody for the flowers she had sent it was appreciated.

Superintendent MacMillan went on and updated the board on current legislative action. He thanked Board member Mary Jo Green for keeping him in the loop on HB 39 that looked at reducing programming to reduce required adequacy funding. Superintendent MacMillan said this House Bill was defeated. He did state that both the School Boards Association and the NH School Administrators Association expect to see some type of an amendment being made in regards to adequacy funding in November 2012. Superintendent MacMillan said if they adjusted adequacy funding in November 2011 the courts would be flooded with requests for special school district meetings to adjust their budgets. He went on to explain how Lisbon put in an article to continue their meeting in June just in case the State did something with adequacy. The Superintendent explained how the Board can do this if they state a specific date, location, and time that the meeting will be continued. The Lisbon Board set a date and time in June as it had to be before July. The question for the group is how will the State make up the deficit?

The bill to not require kindergarten went down in defeat. Superintendent MacMillan said people were on the fence during the debate but it was defeated.

Superintendent MacMillan told the group that the Evergreen Law would be overturned. He explained he had talked with Ted Comstock the director of the NH School Boards Association last week seeking his view if this law was overturned. It was good news / bad news from his view point. If you have evergreen language in your current contracts then it will have to be negotiated out. If you did not have evergreen language in your contracts then you are in very good shape. The reason the appeal of this law was made this way is they did not want to have long costly litigation that would develop with contracts with evergreen language in it. It would be much cleaner with this proposed appeal of the law.

Chairman Peabody asked where the NH retirement bill was going. Superintendent MacMillan had no clear insight on how this will play out. Many people are testifying at the hearings in Concord for and against. We will have to wait and see how it plays out in Concord.

Superintendent MacMillan asked the Board members what the SAU office could do to help support them in their upcoming annual meetings? Superintendent MacMillan said he was keeping his Board report to a minimum so it does not take away the focus on the annual meeting. He encouraged Board members to contact the SAU office if they needed any additional support or information. Chairman Peabody asked about teacher nominations and would we be doing this month. Superintendent MacMillan said he would get a notice out to Principals for teacher and support staff nominations. He explained that he is concerned about non-renewals so we can notify them by April 15th. Superintendent MacMillan said we have a time deadline to notify para-professionals by April 15th but he is not sure on this date he will have to check.

There were no other questions or concerns for Superintendent MacMillan.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Manifests were distributed for Board review and approval.

Business Manger Sandra Stone distributed the monthly Financial Report for Board information and gave a brief overview on the changes from last month's report. Ms. Stone said there was very little change and we are still in good shape. Primarily the changes that they see were involving the moving expenses and the money saved on the lease for moving earlier into the small space. It was asked if we had received a new lease. Ms. Stone reported yes after she had to make several corrections to the lease. Superintendent MacMillan gave Ms. Stone the new lease to pass on to Chairman Peabody to sign. Ms. Stone pointed out the current projected yearend balance is \$10,646.00 which includes the anticipated excess balance of \$30,392.00 to begin the 2011-2012 school year. There were no questions for Ms. Stone.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION AS PER RSA 91A:3, 1, 11 – was not needed

OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Butterfield asked the group if she would get word out to their buildings about Doodle 4 Google Competition. She provided the group a handout explaining how students could win \$15,000.00 scholarship and a \$125,000.00 technology grant for the school. Ms. Butterfield explained how Lafayette students were partnering with Garnet Hill layout people to help students with their designs. She encouraged other schools to get involved.

Superintendent MacMillan said he would provide a tour of the new office area for anyone who would like to stay after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION MADE BY CHRISTINE ASH, SECONDED BY VINNIE SPIOTTI TO ADJOURN AT 18:20. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul MacMillan
Superintendent