

MINUTES
SAU 39 BOARD MEETING
Organizational Meeting Minutes
Mont Vernon Village School Art Room
April 18, 2006

Howard Colter called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

ATTENDANCE

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Steve Coughlan, Phyllis Thomas, and John Rizzi

Amherst School Board: Dwight Brew, Deborah Cort, Pam Dudoff, Nancy Head, and Jim O'Mara

Mont Vernon School Board: John Schwope and Leo White

Administrative Team: Howard Colter, Kathy Skoglund, Nicole Heimarck, Meredith Nadeau, and Susan Ward

Other: Sheryl Stephens-Burke, Melanson-Heath

Minutes Recorder: Lyn Jennings

Howard Colter wanted to acknowledge Dwight Brew for all the work he has done as Chairman of the SAU 39 Board over the past two years. Howard said Dwight has been responsible for helping to improve communication, co-operation, and staffing services at the SAU. Howard said the SAU is a better place today in part to Dwight's thinking, and attention to detail.

**ELECTION OF SAU
39 BOARD
OFFICERS**

Howard welcomed Mary Jennings and congratulated her on becoming the new SAU 39 Superintendent. Mary said it was nice to meet everyone and said as the committee looked forward to the end of their year, she looked forward to the committee's new year.

A. Chairman – Howard accepted nominations for the Chairman position. A motion was made by Leo White to nominate John Schwope. Members of the board voted in favor of the motion, with one abstention, John Schwope. The motion passed.

Howard as well as members of the board congratulated John on his appointment to Chairman.

John thanked everyone for their support and said he appreciated the trust everyone had for him and said he would give the job his very best effort to help make the school board the best it possibly could be. John also thanked Dwight Brew for all the work he did running the SAU meetings for the past two years.

Once John was appointed Chairman, Howard turned the Organizational Meeting over to John Schwope.

B. Vice-Chairman – John accepted nominations for the Vice-Chairman position. A motion was made by Phyllis Thomas to nominate Pam Dudoff as Vice-Chairman. Members of the board voted in favor of the motion with one abstention, Pam Dudoff.

C. Secretary – John accepted nominations for the Secretary position. A motion was made by Jim O’Mara to nominate Steve Coughlan. Steve said he would need to decline the nomination, since he is busy as Chair of the Souhegan School Board.

A motion was made by Jim O’Mara to nominate Deborah Cort as Secretary. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

John Schwope informed board members Clark Logan would like to be reappointed as the Treasurer.

A motion was made by Dwight Brew and seconded by Pam Dudoff to nominate Clark Logan as Treasurer of SAU 39.

Discussion amongst board members followed.

Jim O’Mara suggested putting an advertisement in the local newspapers soliciting applications for the Treasurer as well as any other SAU positions that were needed. He said this is a good way to see if there are any other candidates in the district that would be interested.

Dwight withdrew his motion to nominate Clark Logan.

A motion was made by Jim O’Mara and seconded by Leo White to run an advertisement in the local newspaper soliciting applications for the Treasurer position for the SAU and to make space available to any other group that has an opening. Members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed. An advertisement will be placed in the Milford Cabinet as well as the Amherst Citizen. Susan Ward will organize this process.

John Schwope asked for two volunteers to approve the manifests. John said the SAU manifests are done once a month, they take approximately fifteen to twenty minutes to review.

Phyllis Thomas and John Schwope volunteered to review the manifests. Pam Dudoff and Nancy Head volunteered to be alternates.

A motion was made by Dwight Brew and seconded by Jim O’Mara to authorize Pam Dudoff, Nancy Head, John Schwope and Phyllis Thomas to review SAU manifests. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

John Schwope said he would like to suggest they reorganize the committee structure by functional groups. For example the Budget Finance Committee would review budget items, the Building Improvement Committee would handle capital improvement and building issues. John said he would like the committees to follow the

**APPOINTMENT OF
TREASURER (July 1,
2006 to June 30, 2007)**

**ASSIGNMENT TO
OTHER BOARD
COMMITTEES**

same structure as the SAU office staff. John provided board members with a handout detailing his suggestions and said he would like to discuss the handout at the next SAU 39 meeting.

A motion was made by Deborah Cort and seconded by Phyllis Thomas to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:28 p.m. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the organization meeting was adjourned. **ADJOURN**