

MINUTES
SAU BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2007
Souhegan High School Annex, Room A222

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Chairperson John Schwope called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

ATTENDANCE

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Steve Coughlan, Dana Redmond, and Phyllis Thomas.

Amherst School Board: Deborah Cort, Pam Dudoff, and Nancy Head.

Mont Vernon School Board: Howard Brown, Jayson Darula, and John Schwope.

Administrative Team: Dr. Mary Jennings, Carrie Morneau, Elizabeth Shankel, and Kathy Skoglund.

Minutes Recorder: Deborah Cort

John Schwope asked if the Superintendent had any announcements. Mary Jennings introduced Carrie Morneau, SAU39's new Director of Human Resources. Carrie introduced herself by saying that she had a 6 month plan which included reviewing, after 6 months, whether or not she had made a difference by improving the HR function within the SAU by becoming more efficient, and by pulling the HR function back into the SAU. She is also planning to create more visibility for HR within the Districts. One of her goals is to ensure that faculty and staff are aware of what the SAU is doing, meeting and greeting all faculty and staff, and making sure all faculty and staff are aware of resources available to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SAU 39 Strategic Planning Committee will start meeting soon.

John Schwope invited comments from the Public but none were forthcoming.

PUBLIC TIME

John asked if anyone had an item they wished to have pulled from the consent agenda and the A. Minutes of December 19, 2006 were pulled.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Pam Dudoff, seconded by Phyllis Thomas, to approve the consent agenda, which included the B. Treasurer's Report for December 2006 and C. Manifest for December 2006. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006 was made by Steve Coughlan and seconded by Phyllis Thomas.

- Page 551 – remove the items in the parenthesis in the bulleted item starting with Grade level.
- Page 551 – remove sentence that begins Janet Gaynor.

The minutes were unanimously approved as amended and the motion passed.

- A. Joint Policy Effort Update - Pam Dudoff updated the Board on the Joint Policy Effort. She indicated the committee needed to be finalized. Dana Redmond and Jeanne Ludt will be the Souhegan School Board reps to the committee, Howard Brown will represent the Mont Vernon School Board, and Pam Dudoff will represent the Amherst School Board. The next step is to send all the district's policy manuals to the attorney at NHSBA for review. **PRESENTATIONS**
- B. NWEA Testing – Part II – Use of reports - Before receiving a presentation/demonstration of the North West Evaluation Association assessment tool in the computer lab, Mary Jennings reviewed last month the Board had received a hands-on look at how the assessment is performed by students. This month board members will get a hands-on look at how the teacher can use the data generated for each student. Mary noted that the most recent SAU In-Service day was used as an opportunity to work with teachers and administrators on understanding and using this assessment tool to enhance instruction in the classroom. The demonstration of the NWEA assessment tool to board members was to illustrate the potential our teachers will have to individualize instruction as well as the challenges they will face as

they learn and begin to implement the tool.

A. SAU 39 Tech Plan – Draft – Bruce Chakrin gave an overview of the Technology Plan. The board discussed the budget implications of the plan as well as the necessary policies.

John Schwope recommended a more detailed discussion of this topic be put on a future agenda.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Coughlan, seconded by Phyllis Thomas. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURN