

MINUTES
SAU 39 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2010
Souhegan High School Annex, Room A222

Present:

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Howard Brown, Steve Coughlan, Chris Janson, Jeanne Ludt, and Mary Lou Mullens

Amherst School Board: Peg Bennett, Lucienne Foulks, Nancy Head and Peter Maresco

Mont Vernon School Board: Janet Gramatges, John Quinlan, Kim Roberge and Bruce Schmidt

Administrative Team: Nicole Heimarck, Dr. Mary Jennings, and Betty Shankel

Staff: Porter Dodge

Minutes Recorder: Lyn Jennings

ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Bruce Schmidt to enter into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (c). Nancy Head seconded the motion. Per roll call vote, Brown-yes; Coughlan-yes; Janson-yes; Ludt-yes; Mullens-yes; Bennett-yes; Lucienne Foulks-yes; Head-yes; Maresco-yes; Gramatges-yes; Roberge-yes and Schmidt-yes. The board entered into Non-Public session at 6:05 p.m.

**II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:
 RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (c)**

The board discussed a personnel issue.

A motion was made by Bruce Schmidt to come out of Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (c). Steve Coughlan seconded the motion. Per roll call vote, Brown-yes; Coughlan-yes; Janson-yes; Ludt-yes; Mullens-yes; Bennett-yes; Lucienne Foulks-yes; Head-yes; Maresco-yes; Gramatges-yes; Roberge-yes and Schmidt-yes. The board entered into Non-Public session at 6:57 p.m.

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Chris Janson called the board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Janson read a Press Release, which was dated June 24, 2010, to board members.

Dr. Jennings told board members school was officially closed for summer vacation. Dr. Jennings said the last day of school for Amherst and Mont Vernon was Monday and for Souhegan it was Tuesday.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jennings said all students had step up days.

Dr. Jennings invited board members to come by the SAU offices anytime during the summer as they have extended their hours and they are open until 5 p.m.

Dr. Jennings told board members they would need to have a meeting during the summer with Mark Joyce. Dr. Jennings said he was supposed to be at the SAU meeting this evening however, he had to cancel. Dr. Jennings passed out calendars to board members and asked them to black out the days they would not be available. Dr. Jennings asked board members to return the calendars to her by the end of the meeting.

Chris Janson asked if there were any comments from the public.

III. PUBLIC TIME

Joe Esposito asked how many employees were at the SAU and Dr. Jennings told him 19 including herself. Joe asked if they had written job descriptions for each of these jobs and Dr. Jennings said they did and he was welcome to come by the SAU office to see them.

Joe said many are calling for Dr. Jennings' resignation and he asked her if she planned to resign and she said she had no plans to resign her position.

The A. Minutes 1. May 27, 2010 were pulled from the Consent Agenda by Steve Coughlan.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard Brown to approve Consent Agenda Items B. Treasurer's Report and C. Manifest. Bruce Schmidt seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (13-0-0)

A motion was made by Steve Coughlan to approve Consent Agenda Item A. Minutes 1. May 27, 2010, as amended. Howard Brown seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion with one abstention, John Quinlan. The motion passed. (12-0-1)

A. Math Program Review – Nicole Heimarck presented on the topic Developing a Vision and Road Map for the Future. Nicole explained this is a presentation of the Phase I Self Study Mathematics Program Review Report. The presentation was dated June 24, 2010.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Nicole provided the Goals of the Presentation and Discussion:

- Develop a strong understanding of where we are now compared to where we want to be.
- Identify board priorities in determining where we should focus our energies as we transition to Phase II.
- Determine temperature of group in response to vision.

A slide was presented detailing the 2009 Math Program Review Committee Membership.

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A slide was shown outlining the SAU-wide Review Four Phase Cycle.

Nicole explained Phase I is actually a Three Step Process where they first must learn and then solve.

- What is our vision for a mathematics program that prepares all students for the 21st century? (future)
- What does our current data say about our present program?
- Detail the gaps that exist between where the program exists and our vision of the best possible outcomes.

Nicole provided the Agenda details as follows:

1. Vision – What is the proposed vision? What process was used to develop the vision? (Collect warms and questions)
2. Self-Study Report – What does our current data say about our present program? (Answer clarifying questions)
3. Phase 2: How does the report inform our action research? What are the priorities? (Chalk talk)

Nicole presented the SAU 39 Mathematics Vision Statement –

We envision a community where all learners see the beauty, functionality, and value of Mathematics and are empowered by opportunities Mathematics affords: a community where students approach the study of Mathematics with curiosity and confidence and are supported on their journey by knowledgeable, enthusiastic and skilled adults.

8 Focus areas were identified:

Learning Environment	Instruction
Equity	Assessment
Student Identity	Community
Curriculum	Professional Learning

Nicole provided details of Phase I, Step 2: Self Study – Nicole said this is where they currently are in the process.

Using assessment data, stakeholder perception surveys and administrative and school based reports, the Math Program Review Committee identified strengths and areas for growth in the 8 vision focus areas.

Nicole presented information on each Focus Area.

Board members were asked to participate in Chalk Talk. Nicole explained this is an opportunity for a large body of individuals to speak at once about priorities to Phase II. Mathematics Program Action Planning.

Norms:

- Silent
- Focus on essential question
- Maintain a spirit of wonder

Board members reviewed a handout entitled Math Program Vision Development 2009-2010. Board members were each asked to identify a “warm” and a “wonder” from the handout.

Nicole told board members if they had any questions or comments after tonight’s meeting they could e-mail them to her.

Bruce said based on the committees findings, what are the

priorities as they enter into Phase II? Bruce asked when would they start looking at the dollars it will cost to implement the program.

Nicole said this would come up within the program review time.

Nicole presented a slide on the Lessons Learned about Program Review.

- Timeline for Phase I and possibly for Phase II should run on a September-to-September schedule.
- A line within the district operating budgets should be created to support the Program Review Process.
- The development, deployment, and analysis of survey data were an immense task needing support from an external resource.
- Norms need to be considered and established in language usage on surveys.

Nicole provided the Next Steps and Closing Thoughts:

- The MPRC meets to begin the transition to Phase II at the beginning of July.
- Forums will be held in the Fall to report finding and time action plan for solution development.
- The development of an advisory group.

- A. Charge to the School Calendar Committee – Board members received a handout entitled SAU #39 School Calendar Committee, Charge to the Committee.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Jennings said this would be a subject of bargaining with the Employee Organizations and is why the MVEA, Souhegan PPC and AEA are on the committee.

Chris Janson said they have received a name to serve as the

representative from the AEA – Cheryl Allison and from the Souhegan PPC they were told they would get back to them with a name. Chris said to date, they have sent two requests via e-mail, to the MVEA and they have not yet received a response.

Based on suggestions and input from the board the board made the following changes:

Charge 1. Will now read as follows: Review possible changes to future SAU#39 School District calendars as allowed by NH law.

Add Charge #6. The final report will be voted on by the School Calendar Committee and presented to the board for their approval.

A motion was made by Rob Graybill to accept the Charge to the School Calendar Committee as presented and amended. Jeanne Ludt seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. There were two abstentions as they were out of the room at the time of the vote, Steve Coughlan and Peter Maresco. (11-0-2)

- B. Charge to the Wellness Committee – Chris Janson told board members she received over 20 responses from parents wishing to volunteer to serve on this committee.

Jeanne Ludt suggested a possible 4th charge – To promote healthy eating and activity in SAU39.

Betty said this is important however; it is nobody's job.

Bruce Schmidt said it needs to be done but without spending any money, how can they promote healthy eating and activity.

Peg Bennett suggested including a Wellness Corner in the newspaper.

Based on suggestions and input from the board the following changes were made:

Charge #3 Will now read as follow: Recommend any new targets, policy revisions and identify strategies in support of the goals stated in Policy JLCF.

Under membership, they will add one more parent. Chris Janson will ask Bob Young if he is still interested in serving on the Wellness Committee.

A motion was made by Rob Graybill to accept the Charge to the Wellness Committee as presented and amended. Bruce Schmidt seconded the motion. Twelve board members voted in favor of the motion and one voted against the motion, John Quinlan. The motion passed. (12-1-0)

A motion was made by Nancy Head to form a committee made up of the four board chairs, the Superintendent, and the principals of the SAU Schools, to examine problems with communication in the SAU and to develop a concrete plan to address these problems. This plan should include effective communication with the public and regular reporting to the SAU Board. Bruce Schmidt seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (13-0-0)

A motion was made by Bruce Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. John Quinlan seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. (13-0-0) The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

VIII. REVIEW OF MEETING/ADJOURN

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