

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:30 Non-public 91-A:3, 11

June 8, 2021

City Hall Chambers

7: 00PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Upon call of the roll, the following members were present: Matt Hanlon, Steven Potter, Coty Donohue, Gerri Cannon, Maggie Larson, Tom McCallion, John O'Brien, Edward Levasseur and Todd Marsh.
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** None
3. ***CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - 3.1 Removal of items from the Consent Calendar
 - 3.2 Approval of Consent Calendar
 - 3.3 Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Legislative Committee Meeting May 25, 2021
 - 3.4 Somersworth School Board May 25, 2021 Minutes
 - 3.5 Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Meeting Non Public Session May 25, 2021
 - 3.6 Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee Meeting June 3, 2021
 - 3.7 Minutes from the SAU 56 Board Meeting June 3, 2021

Motion made by O'Brien to accept the consent calendar as presented, seconded by Cannon. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

4.1 **Superintendent's Update:** Supt. Gadomski stated that we have had some hot days the last two days. He stated that we are going to continue our safety protocols through the end of the year. He stated that everyone is doing a great job. The hot weather has made it a tad uncomfortable but we have been giving mask breaks, trying to find cool places, encouraging hydration and if they are social distanced they can take masks off for mask breaks. He stated that they decided not to do early release like some districts did because some students would be left unattended at home in the heat and if they are in school we can keep an eye on them in a cool area and hydrate them. He stated that the baseball team is in the playoffs and he approved with the AD allowing them to take their masks off when they are in the game but on the bus and dugout, they have to wear them. He stated that they are trying to be reasonable. He stated that we have a lot of activities going on this week and next week in the buildings. He stated that graduation is on Friday with a rain date of Saturday in the front of the high school. He stated that Tuesday the 15th is the last day of school.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

5.1 **Standing Committees:**

- **Budget & Revenue-** Potter stated that they had not met since the last meeting.
- **Building, Grounds and Transportation-** McCallion stated that they met and did a walkthrough of the ESSER funds which is an ongoing process and they have not approved the HVAC yet and we going to keep moving forward. Hanlon thanked the Building, Grounds and Transportation committee, Lori, Bob and Katie for all the man-hours that have gone into trying to push this through. He stated that he knows that it is something that is needed and one of the things that is supposed to be funded. He stated that it is upsetting that it is not able to go through yet and he hopes that we can find a way to get it done. He stated that we have been having conversations with state representatives, everyone has been involved from Shaheen, Watters, and Board member Cannon but it is just not moving. McCallion stated that there have been other districts involved as well.
- **Educational Programs and Community Outreach-** Larson stated that they met this evening and continued the discussion with Goodwin Community Health regarding the health clinic. She stated that it is an ongoing conversation and we are going to get more information from the community on

what is needed and what they would access. She stated that they also had an update on summer programs and it is going to be a robust and as well attended that it has ever been.

- **Legislative Advocacy-** O'Brien stated that they have not met.
- **Policy Committee-** O'Brien stated that they have not met.
- **Joint Commission of City Council-** This was not reported on during the meeting.

5.2 **City Council update:** Don Austin reported that they had a relatively light meeting at the last session and has nothing to report. He stated that several councilors expressed congratulations to the graduating students, staff, students and parents for all that has happened this year. He stated that everyone put their best foot forward and we are coming out on the other side. Congratulations to everyone involved.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

7.1 **Policies for Second Read:**

- JLC Student Contact

Motion made by Potter to approve the policies for second reading as presented, seconded by Cannon. Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 **2020-21 Budget Update:** Krauss stated that since the last budget update, we have encumbered the additional expenditures that were approved by the board at the May 25th school board meeting. Nancy and I also met and adjusted a few special education encumbrances through the end of the year, which resulted in a savings of approximately \$30,000. We will continue to monitor all expenditures as we approach the end of the year. She stated that there have been no changes in revenue since the last meeting. Potter stated that he wanted to thank Katie.

8. **ACTION ITEMS:**

8.1 **Personnel:** Supt. Gadomski stated that we are very fortunate with the staff that we are bringing to the district. He stated that we have a nomination of Jennifer Spector as Assistant Principal at the Middle School.

Motion made by Cannon to accept the nomination as presented, seconded by Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Gadomski stated that we also have several other nominations, Khristina Clifford, Robert Kelley, Jennifer Caswell, Jessica Shannon, Victoria Perkins, Rebecca Nelson and Madeline Mullen.

Motion made by Levasseur to accept the nominations as presented, seconded by Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Gadomski stated that we also have one resignation from Amy Trueworthy.

Motion made by O'Brien to accept the resignation as presented, seconded by Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

- June 19, 2021 Somersworth School Board Goal Setting Workshop 8:30am
- June 22, 2021 Somersworth School Board Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee meeting 5:30pm
- June 22, 2021 Somersworth School Board meeting 7:00pm
- June 28, 2021 Joint School Board & City Council meeting 6:00pm

Hanlon read off the above meeting dates.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 Visitors: None

10.2 **Board Members:** Cannon congratulated the seniors who are graduating, we appreciate you. Potter stated that he would like to congratulate the senior class, he is very fortunate to have known a few students from helping with sports over the years. He stated that it has been a tough year and you missed out a normal high school experience but stay proud and continue to do good things. Larson stated to the class of 2020 and 2021 it was a tough two years, congratulations on getting through it and to all the other classes, best of luck going forward. Marsh stated that it is great to be back at city hall, I have made a lot of challenging decisions but this pales to what we have been through. He stated that in my time in the history of Somersworth we have never been so challenged in a collective way. He stated that like he said before this generation should be change to generation A for being able to adapt. McCallion stated that he has had the privilege of being on the committee for graduation, it is an important moment for them and they have worked really hard and been through a lot. He asked that people be patient with graduation, we want the kids to have a safe and good graduation. Thank you to the parents and the staff. He stated that everyone is ready for a well-deserved break. He stated that it is nice to be back here and get back to square one. Hanlon stated that no matter what side of the issue you were on this has been hard for everyone, it has not been easy. He stated that the reason we are back here is that we need the space for students so that is a good thing. Thank you to all the students and congratulations to the graduates and thank you to all the staff. He stated that we have a lot to be excited for moving into next year.

11. Non Public: See Separate Minutes

12. **Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn made by Cannon, seconded by Larson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Pending Board Approval