1 2 3	Souhegan Cooperative School Board Meeting May 20 <sup>th</sup> 2010		
5 4 5	<u>Call to Order</u>	Call to Order	
6 7	Mr. Coughlan called the meeting to order at 6:21pm	Attendance	
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10 11 12	<u>Present</u> Chairman Steve Coughlan, Mary Lou Mullens, Jeanne Ludt, Howard Brown, a	ve Coughlan, Mary Lou Mullens, Jeanne Ludt, Howard Brown, and Dana Redmond.	
13 14 15	<u>Administrative Team</u> Jim Bosman, Mary Athey Jennings, Renea Sparks, and Bruce Chakrin.		
16 17 18	<u>Minutes Taker</u> Beth Penney		
19 20	Announcements	Announcements	
20 21 22 23	The board interviewed and appointed Pim Grondstra to represent Mont Ver board member.	d interviewed and appointed Pim Grondstra to represent Mont Vernon as the new ember.	
24 25	<u>Recognition – Lisa Kent</u>		
25 26 27 28	Representative Shannon Chandley along with Gary Daniels and Cynthia Dokmo came to the neeting to recognize Lisa Kent and read a declaration from the NH House of Representatives.		
29 30 31	Ms. Chandley stated that they would like to publicly recognize and grant congratulations to Lisa Kent for being Eastern District High School Physical Education teacher of the year.		
32 33	She then read the declaration and presented it to Ms. Kent.		
34 35	Principals Report		
36 37 38 39 40	Mr. Bosman stated that he is dually impressed by the variety and depth of rehave shown in their Sr. Projects and is pleased with the presentations. Souhegan did appeal the AYP SINY designation and lost the appeal in front of Souhegan with the help of the SAU is planning an appeal before the NH Boar	of a board of peers.	
41 42 43 44 45	Dr. Jennings made an announcement for Ms. Janson. The Ethics forum is have at the Hampshire Dome where there will be food, music, and games. All pro- donated to Share. The public is invited to go or donate money, food, or item auction.	ceeds will be	
46 47	<u>Community Council</u>		

Ms. Mullens asked when would you hand out the parent guide.

- 58 Nothing was pulled from the consent agenda. 60 and a board member resignation were adopted. The vote was unanimous. **Presentations** Athletic Director's Initiatives - Mr. Lavoie Lavoie 67 68 Mr. Chris Lavoie passed around the student handbook, transportation form, and coach 69 evaluation form. 70 71 Mr. Lavoie has six students that were nominated by the coaches to the Athletic Leadership 72 Council. These students went to the state conference and worked on home coming(2<sup>nd</sup> yr at 73 SHS). The council is all athletes. They also did a fundraiser this year. The Harlem Rockets who 74 are a comedy basketball team that played the staff came and there was full attendance. Nikki 75 Hesian who is on the state leadership team started a sportsmanship week. The leadership 76 council will run this at the state level and have a community service day at SHS. They also want 77 to involve AMS, but are not sure what that will look like yet. They want to have a feeder program 78 coming up from AMS. 79 80 The Athletic Handbook is in the process of being revised. The current version has been in place a 81 long time. The first change that will be made is to the drug/alcohol policy because it needs to be 82 more user friendly. These changes will be brought back to the board at some point. 83 84 The Parent Communication Guide will provide a protocol on how to approach coaches and the 85 chain of command. This is not currently in a handbook and will help with a lot of questions 86 commonly asked by parents. 87 88 The fall sign up date is next week so this year we will use the current handbook for the fall. We 89 need to think about changing the handbook in the middle of year between fall and winter or wait 90 till next year. 91
- **Public Time**
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- 56 57 **Consent Agenda**

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61 The agenda containing the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting notes, treasures report, manifest, transfers, 62

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Presentations

48 Scott Doyle is the new school board representative. Currently the council is discussing the

49 Security proposal. A handout was passed around to the board with preliminary decisions where

the council recommends a pass or fail for the 15 recommendations, with discussion notes. The 50

51 final report will be presented at the next meeting with final recommendations.

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**Public Time** 

**Consent Agenda** 

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- Mr. Lavoie replied that the guide will not be handed out next Tuesday, but will be handed out at
  meet the coach's night and will be online.
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- 97 Ms. Ludt asked would the parent guide have the code of behavior
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- 99 Mr. Lavoie replied yes, the NHAA policy will be put directly into the parent guide.
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101 Mr. Lavoie continued by discussing the travel form for away games. The questions we are having

are because the current form is a daunting task to fill out. The form is online and in offices
 around school, the student needs to fill out the form for each time they will not be taking school

104 transportation and the form must be signed by administration. The question is, is it legally ok to

- 105 have a coach sign the form?
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- Mr. Redmond replied that Ms. Shankel is looking into this. Liability is an issue so Ms. Shankel is
  taking this question to the attorney and will have response next week.
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110 Mr. Lavoie continued to discuss the Coaches Handbook. It is being formed because nothing in 111 place now. It will have preseason to post season requirements, off season regulations and rules,

- expectations, game/ practice day behavior, the parent guide, and the coach evaluation form.
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The coaching evaluation has been revised this year. We are using Survey Monkey. Every coach will email out a link and that is the evaluation for the coach. Kids can put their name on the form and write in feedback and rate coaches. Mr. Lavoie only sees tallies for the nine questions. He then analyzes the results and gives coaches the feedback.

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- 119 The board discussed having a parent evaluation for the coaches also.
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Mr. Lavoie continued by discussing the Athletic budget, which he stated that could be a whole
meeting. There is not enough money in the budget for teams so fundraising has to stay in place.
Everything must be approved, but not everything is being approved. Mr. Lavoie stated that he is

- working to get a better grasp on knowing about fundraising and approving the fundraising thatis happening.
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SHS is limited to 3 buses per day, which limits games because many sports take more than one bus, for example track, football, lacrosse. We try to arrange some sports to sometimes go with Milford also. The board discussed the limit of the buses and that they would look into the bus contract for Mr. Lavoie. They also discussed that if there are not enough buses then games are rescheduled or some students are left behind. In the future they may have to look at having less games at the freshman and JV levels.

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The final item Mr. Lavoie presented was building a turf field. We now have more need than fields
and when we add AMS and recreation teams we are over using fields. They become hard to
repair and keep up. Turf is big money, but the school is going to have to look at in the future.

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- 138 <u>Budget Surplus FY10</u>
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- 140 Dr. Jennings stated that at the last meeting she presented some ideas to fund programs that 141 deserve funding. Now we need to make decisions. 142 143 We estimate having a surplus of \$120,000. The total requested is \$99,375 if all is approved. Mr. Coughlan reminded the board that there was a warrant articles to set aside \$50,000 for 144 facilities and \$20,000 for unfunded liabilities if there was any money left over. 145 146 147 The board discussed their options of fully funding both funds and then only spending \$50,000 on 148 the requested surplus. They also discussed that much of the money requested for Buildings and Grounds was in the facilities study and would be used from the warrant article either way. They 149 150 clarified that the facilities fund has to be funded first before the unfunded liabilities trust. There was discussion about the line item of replacing the scoreboard in the front field because it can no 151
- 152 longer be replaced.
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  154 Mr. Redmond made the motion to approve the FY2010 surplus budget for \$99375, Ms.
  155 Mullens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
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Action Items

- 159 <u>Auditor's Appointment</u>
- Dr. Jennings stated this is the same Auditors appointment that was presented at the SAU board
  meeting. We are recommending Vachon, Clukay, & Co., PC because they are the least expensive
  and the business office was impressed by their skills. They have done a number of NH school
  districts.
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# Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the appointment of Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC. Ms. Mullens seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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- 169 <u>Finance Policy</u>
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- 171 Dr. Jennings stated this is policy DJE, which discusses the bidding requirements. The Amherst
- 172 board made changes because there was concern about meaning of words "written policy vs.
- documented bids". The policy now states that all purchases \$1000-\$9900 must have three
- 174 employee documented competitive bids, which must be written down. Any purchases \$10,000-
- 175 \$24,000 must have written vendor bids, and \$25,000 and above a formal bid process must occur.
- 176 AMS approved this policy and the other changes you approved before this meeting.
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- The board discussed the wording "when feasible", which is written with the three documented
  bids for \$1000 -\$9999. This wording was discussed both because the policy does not state that it
  is required and also because sometimes three bids are not available.
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# Ms. Mullens made a motion to pass DJE. The motion was second by Mr. Redmond and the vote was unanimous.

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- 185 The board discussed reviewing all of the board's policies including the SHS specific policies. It
- 186 was decided to discuss how to do this at the next board meeting.

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#### Wellness Policy JLCF – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 187

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Dr. Jennings stated this is the policy that was presented at the SAU meeting and there is one 190 changed sentence about beverages on page 36. The meaning is the same, but is a less awkward 191 sentence.

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193 The board stated that they would establish a wellness committee to help the SAU discuss this 194 policy in the future.

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196 Regina Sullivan spoke to the board about a change in the wellness policy. She wants to see the 197 percentage dropped from 35% to 30% and would like to see frozen vegetables be included in the 198 policy along with the canned and dried vegetables. Her main concern was about the school store 199 not being able to sell food until after lunch was served. This would then only be for two periods 200 a day. The school store provides students with management experience and how to run a store. 201 The school store has taken a new path because of two senior projects. They are offering 202 healthier options including a smoothie bar and homemade hummus with vegetables. Ms. Sullivan would like to see the language that prohibits the school store from being open before

- 203 204 lunch changed because she feels the school store and cafeteria could work together. She would
- 205 like to order the food for the school store from the food service so they would no longer be in
- 206 competition.
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208 The board discussed how they like this idea because it provides the school with healthier options 209 and gives students educational value at the same time. The board discussed if they could change

- 210 the language in the policy allowing the school store to be open all times in the day except during 211 lunch and still meet the USDA guidelines. They also asked if Ms. Sullivan had discussed her ideas
- 212 with the interviewees for the food service position and she said she had. The feedback she had
- 213 gotten from them was that they thought it was a great idea. The board agreed to table the
- 214 conversation till the next meeting so Mr. Coughlan and Ms. Sullivan could work on language that
- 215 would meet the USDA guidelines and meet the needs of the school store.
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217 Nominate Dean of Faculty

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219 Dr. Jennings stated that the search for Dean of Faculty was happening at the same time as the 220 search for principal was happening. She recommended Gorgianne Klipa for this position. She 221 was one of the founding members of SHS and left to continue her career. She has been working as 222 an assistant principal in Deerfield, NH.

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- 224 The board introduced themselves to Ms. Klipa.
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- 226 Ms. Klipa stated that she was thrilled to be back and grateful for the process. She is excited to 227 work with the team and sorry to miss Bosman. She is also excited to get a feel of where SHS has 228 come since she left.

#### 230 Ms Mullens made a motion to approve the nomination. Ms. Ludt seconded the motion and 231 the vote was unanimous.

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- Dr. Jennings stated that she would like to nominate Tim Cotreau as Guidance Councilor to replaceAlan Gordan.
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# Ms. Mullens made a motion to approve the nomination. Ms. Ludt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

239 <u>RTTT – Memorandum of Understanding</u>

**Discussion Items** 

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Dr. Jennings stated this is the Race To The Top application. We applied before with the state of
NH to get SAU wide training for Critical Friends Groups. We would train people throughout the
state and the North East. This grant would provide extra dollars for the training. NH did not win
the first time. Round 2 is coming around and we need you to sign the memorandum again. The
terms are the same as before.

- Mr. Redmond made a motion to sign the memorandum. Ms. Mullens seconded the motion
  and the vote was unanimous.
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### **Discussion Items**

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252 Policy JICK – Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

Dr. Jennings stated that this is a policy that was required by law the year before last. The policy
did not get passed before the year-end, so our attorney took the state policy and reworked it. We
can see the state recommending a new policy next year, but it will probably not be much
different.

- Dr. Jennings recommended to the board to pass this policy. She stated that we currently have
  good policies and have had not trouble enforcing them and this policy would give us more.
- 262 Mr. Coughlan asked have there been modifications by other boards.263
- Dr. Jennings stated that Mont Vernon clarified pg 54 the words in italics and section 2 was added
  because sometimes people make faces or gestures.
- 267 Ms. Ludt stated that this policy does not cover cyber bulling.
- 269 Dr. Jennings replied that they decided to wait for guidelines from the state about cyber bullying.
- 270271 The board discussed that this is a student policy and that this policy does not cover staff to staff
- bullying. The SAU does have a sexual harassment policy and a discrimination policy for staff.
  They discussed that they need to talk about adding a policy that would be for staff bullying staff
- when they discussed that they need to talk about adding a policy that would be for stall bullying stall when they discuss policies at a future meeting. They also discussed looking at the employee law
- 275 before making the new policy.
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Mr. Bosman asked about number 4, which describes the investigation of the bullying. He asked to
change to the term principal to "principal or designated person". At SHS the Dean of Students
does the investigating.

- 280 Dr. Jennings replied that she would check into that because other parts of the policy state
- 281 "principals designee".
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- 283 Mr. Bosman stated this current wording would change the school's practice.
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  285 Mr. Brown stated that making that change would make things more consistent. Maybe the policy
  286 should say "principals designee" everywhere.
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288 Dr. Jennings stated that the board must vote on this policy before the end of the year.

## 290 Non – Public Session

**Non-Public Session** 

- 291 Mr. Brown made a motion to move into Non-Public Session at
- 292 8:20pm. Ms. Ludt seconded the motion.
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