

SAU #39 Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Meeting Minutes-Approved 05 23 19

Administrative Team: Adam Steel- Superintendent, Christine Landwehrle- Assistant Superintendent, Meg Beauchamp- Director of Student Services.

Amherst School Board: Elizabeth Kuzsma- Chair, John Glover- Secretary, Ellen Grudzien and Tom Gauthier.

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Chair- Jim Manning, Vice Chair- Pim Grondstra, Secretary- Laura Taylor, Steve Coughlan, Amy Facey, and George Torres.

Mont Vernon School Board: Sarah Lawrence- Vice Chair, Stephen O'Keefe, Tom Driscoll and Jessica Hinckley.

Board Minutes: Danae Marotta

SHS Student Videographer: Shannon Hargreaves

Public: Community Members

I. Organizational Meeting-Call to Order

**Superintendent, Mr. Adam Steel, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.**

II. Election of School Board Officers, Committee Appointments and Manifest Appointees

Mr. Steel then noted that he will be asking for nominations for SAU #39 Chair.

**Mr. Steve Coughlan nominated Ms. Amy Facey for SAU #39 School Board Chair.**

**The vote was unanimous, Ms. Facey is elected Chair of the SAU #39 School Board.**

Ms. Facey then asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

**Mr. Jim Manning nominated Mr. John Glover for Vice Chair.**

**Ms. Elizabeth Kuzsma nominated Mr. Steven O'Keefe as Vice Chair.**

Ms. Facey called for a vote. 8 for Mr. O'Keefe, 6 for Mr. Glover.

**Mr. Stephen O'Keefe is elected Vice Chair of the SAU #39 Board.**

**Mr. Jim Manning nominated Mr. John Glover for SAU #39 School Board Secretary.**

The vote was unanimous.

**Mr. Glover is elected as Secretary of the SAU #39 Board.**

Manifest Appointees- Mr. Tom Gauthier and Ms. Jessica Hinckley

31 III. Appointments of School District Treasurer

32 **Ms. Elizabeth Kuzsma motioned to appoint Ms. C.J Butler as SAU #39 School District**  
 33 **Treasurer. Ms. Sarah Lawrence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion**  
 34 **passed.**

35 IV. Public Input

36 No Public Comment

37 V. Boards' Updates

38 Mont Vernon School District

39 Ms. Sarah Lawrence, Chair of the MVVSB, noted that Mr. Thomas Driscoll is back for a one-  
 40 year term, and things are looking good with their budget

41 The Board thanked Ms. Lawrence.

42 Amherst School District

43 Ms. Elizabeth Kuzsma, Chair of the ASB, discussed that they approved how they are going to  
 44 make their budget work with the default. At the last board meeting they got an update from Dr.  
 45 Femia- Hou about future community based Social and Emotional Learning events.

46 The Board thanked Ms. Kuzsma.

47 Souhegan Cooperative School District

48 Mr. Jim Manning, Chair of the SCSB, noted that Mr. Grondstra is Vice-Chair and Ms. Taylor is  
 49 Secretary.

50 Community Council is taking up the idea of weighted GPA and there is a lot of discussion about  
 51 that. Second, the Constitutional Interpretation Committee is also doing deep work. That came  
 52 from the idea that proposals get passed get lost, not feasible or too expensive.

53 He then invited people to stay for the SCSB meeting.

54 The Board thanked Mr. Manning.

55 VI. Reconfiguration Committee Update

56 Chair of the SAU #39 Reconfiguration Committee, Ms. Sarah Lawrence explained that they are  
 57 doing regular meetings and they are digging into information and seeing what the first steps are.

58 Ms. Facey asked Mr. Steel if the Board Members needed an invite on the Trello Board.

59 Mr. Steel replied, yes, just let him know.

60 The Board thanked Ms. Lawrence.

61 VII. Superintendent's Report

62 Superintendent Steel noted that he has nothing for this evening as it is in tonight's discussion.

63 VIII. Consent Agenda

64 Superintendent Steel noted that the Draft Minutes should say March 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.

65 **Mr. Pim Grondstra motioned to approve Consent Agenda items 1. Approve Minutes of**  
 66 **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 2. Approve Budget Transfers and 3. Q3 Finance Report. Mr. John Glover**  
 67 **seconded the motion. 13 in favor, motion passed. Mr. Thomas Driscoll abstained.**

68 IX. Policies Review

69 Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Christine Landwehrle, remarked that this is a first reading. The  
 70 next section is for them to review and move to individual boards.

71 Mr. O’Keefe asked about Policy DC and if the SAU is able to borrow funds.

72 Mr. Steel replied that he believes that the SAU can Borrow funds.

73 Mr. Driscoll asked about the votes.

74 Superintendent Steel mentioned that he will look into it.

75 Mr. Gauthier asked about Policies DBF and DBI.

76 Mr. Coughlan replied that he went over the “D” Policies with Finance Director, Ms. Katie  
 77 Hannan.

78 Ms. Facey asked for other comments. She then noted that they will work on DBI and D it and  
 79 bring it back.

80 Mr. Coughlan added that DBI and DBF are the existing policies in Amherst and Mont Vernon.

81 Ms. Facey noted that they will be removing policies DBF, DBI and DBJ and sending back to the  
 82 Policy Committee for further review.

83 **Mr. Pim Grondstra motioned to move the Policies DA, DB, DBB, DBC, DC, DD, DEA,**  
 84 **DFA, DC, DGA, DH, DI, DIA, DIAM, DID, EHAA, EHAB, EHB, EHB-R, and ADB**  
 85 **/GBEC for a second reading. Ms. Elizabeth Kuzsma seconded the motion. The vote was**  
 86 **unanimous, motion passed.**

87 Mr. Glover asked about policy EHB-R.

88 Ms. Facey added that they will bring back Policy EHB-R to the Policy Committee for further  
 89 review.

90 **Mr. Pim Grondstra motioned to move the Policies EHAB, EHB, EHAA and ADB/GBEC to**  
 91 **the Individual Boards. Mr. Tom Gauthier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous,**  
 92 **motion passed.**

93 X. Strategic Planning

94 Superintendent Steel noted that the next Strategic Planning Meeting is Thursday, May 2 at the  
 95 MVVS. What is included in the packet is a visual representation of a Portrait of a Graduate.

- 96 Ms. Landwehrle explained the work that they have completed with Vision of a Graduate. She  
97 then noted that the graphic combines the Mont Vernon and Amherst communities.
- 98 Mr. Manning asked about the term “Knowledge Constructor”.
- 99 Ms. Landwehrle replied that they had a long conversation about that. It is more about students  
100 building their own knowledge.
- 101 Ms. Facey asked for an update with Strategic Planning.
- 102 Mr. Steel reviewed that an entire SWOT analysis has been done, then and it has been put in a  
103 Current State Analysis Document from that document comes strategies. The Strategic Planning  
104 Committee will then give feedback at that meeting. That is why it is so important.
- 105 Ms. Grudzien added that she is in support of the language.
- 106 Mr. Glover noted that they want to be consistent.
- 107 Mr. Manning clarified that when you have a public facing document, you want language that  
108 people understand.
- 109 Ms. Lawrence asked Mr. Manning if he found something that makes more sense to him.
- 110 Discussion ensued over the language.
- 111 The Board thanked Superintendent Steel.
- 112 XI. Data and Security Update
- 113 Assistant Superintendent Landwehrle discussed that the ATOM Group, Portsmouth, NH,  
114 [www.theatomgroup.com/#home](http://www.theatomgroup.com/#home) pulled together a data analysis and the other big thing is the  
115 policy. They hope to have a draft planned and it would need to be approved by June.
- 116 Mr. Glover asked for time to debate and discuss.
- 117 Ms. Landwehrle noted that it would go out and the tech department and ideally it and the tech  
118 people need April break to work on the plan.
- 119 Ms. Taylor asked about the purpose.
- 120 Ms. Landwehrle replied the policy is meant around personally identifiable information. Anytime  
121 they are creating student log ins they want to make sure that is a safe place for students to be.
- 122 The Board thanked Ms. Landwehrle.
- 123 Ms. Facey reviewed the remaining board meeting dates.
- 124 Ms. Grudzien asked about a joint ASB and MVVSB meeting.
- 125 Mr. Steel replied that the two Board Chairs will meet with him.
- 126 XII. Non-Public Session
- 127 None

128 XIII. Meeting Adjourned

129 Mr. Stephen O'Keefe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM. Mr. Pim Grondstra  
130 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.