

MINUTES
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2013
SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX ROOM 222

PRESENT:

SCSC Board Members: Steve Coughlan, Christine Janson, Mary Lou Mullens, Howard Brown, Fran Harrow, Peter Maresco

Administration: Peter Warburton, Rob Scully, Kathy White, Gigi Klipa, Deborah Richard, Karen Chininis

Call to order

Mary Lou Mullens called the meeting to order at **5:05 hrs.**

Discussion: Board Goals

Principal Scully began by thanking Superintendent Warburton for assuming the role of principal and to thank the board for trusting in the Leadership Team. **Principal Scully** stated that the Leadership Team had goals for moving forward but did not want people to forget where we had come from in terms of personalized learning, collaboration of structure, etc.

Principal Scully invited the Souhegan School Board to join administration and staff for the annual staff retreat on August 21 and August 22, at the high school.

Chris Janson responded with two questions:

- 1) What does “personalize each kids education” mean to the Leadership Team
- 2) Do the students, who graduate from SHS, feel like they had a personalized education

The board discussed the questions and **Principal Scully’s** responses. **Principal Scully** stated in answering the questions that students needed face to face contact and better technology. Also, the Leadership Team was attempting to have three former students report back at the Staff Retreat.

Mary Lou Mullens summarized that we have to stay positive moving forward. Work together as we move forward into 21st Century and personalized education, but keeping in mind the budget.

MOTION TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC:

At **6:05 hrs** Fran Harrow made a motion to go in to non public session, per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (b) (c). Motion seconded by Steve Coughlan and unanimously accepted by roll call vote: Coughlan: yes, Maresco: yes, Janson: yes, Harrow: yes, Mullens: yes, Brown: yes.

The board discussed personnel matters.

MOTION TO EXIT NON-PUBLIC:

At **6:43 hrs Steve Coughlan** made a motion to exit non public session. Motion seconded by **Fran Harrow** and unanimously accepted by roll call vote: Coughlan: yes, Maresco: yes, Janson: yes, Harrow: yes, Mullens: yes, Brown: yes.

Fran Harrow made a motion to accept Peter Gagnon for a 1 year position as Dean of Students. The motion was seconded by **Steve Coughlan**. Motion carried 5-1.

Fran Harrow made a motion to accept Christine Finn, School Psychologist, Jennifer Spara, Reading Specialist and Julie Colby, Math Teacher. The motion was seconded by **Steve Coughlan**. Motion carried 6-0.

6:45 pm - Rob Scully, Kathy White, Gigi Klipa, and Karen Chininis departed.

6:50 pm – Betty Shankel and Jim Minor arrived.

Discussion: Roof Repairs

Jim Minor explained that roof problems on one of the existing roofs were more severe than earlier noted. The projected cost, for the revised plan, would be an additional \$72,292.00. It was noted that Jim was pursuing more bids for trenching and electrical work and this proposed amount might be lower.

Options to obtain additional funding:

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| 1) Expendable Trust | \$ 88,886.00 available funds |
| 2) Limit repairs and place revised plan costs in future budget | \$ 87,292.00 through taxation
\$ 33,836.00 remainder of bond |
| 3) Use FY14 Budget Savings | \$120,000.00 available funds |

The school board conducted an informal vote and the consensus was to go with Option #3, listed above. Betty will provide more information at a future board meeting. A formal vote of the Board would be taken at the August 22, 2013 meeting.

7:10 pm - Betty Shankel and Jim Minor departed.

Discussion: Board Goals Workshop

Mary Lou Mullens explained that the purpose, for this meeting, was to establish specific, attainable, and measureable objectives that will help us fulfill our board's responsibilities.

Superintendent Warburton stated that when doing work with goals it is best practice to simplify the process. Instead of having too many goals, have fewer goals and a few listed were: communication, personal development, personalization of education and hiring process.

MOTION TO ADJORN:

At **8:40 hrs Steve Coughlan** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Peter Maresco**. Motion passed unanimously.