

MINUTES
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013
SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL INFO CENTER

PRESENT:

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Chair Chris Janson, Howard Brown, Peter Maresco, Steve Coughlan, Fran Harrow, and Pim Grondstra

Administrative Team: Peter Warburton, Jon Ingram, and Betty Shankel

Community Council: Casey Foulks

Minute Taker: Lyn Jennings

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chris Janson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

Betty Shankel explained to board members the purpose for the Public Hearing was for the Souhegan Cooperative School Board to accept and expend the donation from Monarch International Inc., in the amount of \$5,000 for the First Robotics Club at Souhegan Cooperative High School as a donation to the Student Activities Fund.

Steve Coughlan said Monarch International makes this donation every year. Steve said Monarch is a tremendous partner for the school.

Chris Janson closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chris Janson called the Board meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Chris Janson asked the board to observe a moment of silence on behalf of the passing of 2012 Souhegan High School graduate, Tony Barksdale.

Chris Janson told board members the goal of the meeting this evening was to do what was necessary due to the inclement weather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community Council - Chris Janson asked Casey Foulks to update the Board on Community Council business.

Casey said the Council has brought forth two proposals for review. The first proposal is by Susan Carr, a Health Teacher at Souhegan High School. Casey said Ms.

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Carr wants Souhegan to adopt a Virtual Learning Day. Casey explained when there is a snow day or when a student is unable to come to school, they would be able to access a virtual website to do their schoolwork so that the day could be counted as an official school day.

Casey said the second proposal was developed by four freshman girls in Mike Fox's class. Casey said it had taken the students four months to develop the proposal. The proposal is to ban homework over vacations!

Casey said the research that the students have done appears to have some merit. Casey said the Executive Council wanted the board to be aware of the proposal.

Casey asked for some input by the administration and school board.

Peter Warburton said the school board sets policy and the school follows procedures.

Peter said in this case, he believes it is more of a procedure.

Peter said before he makes a determination, he would like to talk to Mr. Ingram and the board to get their input. Peter said he would get back to Casey so that he could have the right information before the next Community Council meeting.

Steve Coughlan asked if the state would look at a day of Virtual Learning as a day of instruction.

Peter said yes, the state does look at it as a day of instruction however; he thinks they need to look at the educational value of a "Blizzard Bag."

Peter said this is a good conversation and it was agreed it is why they have Community Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The D. Retirement Request was pulled from the Consent Agenda. The board was going to be discussing this in Non-Public Session later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Fran Harrow to accept Consent Agenda Items A. Minutes 1. January 31, 2013, 2. February 5, 2013 minutes as amended, B. Treasurer's Report 1. January 2013; C. Unanticipated Revenue 1. Donation to Student Activity Fund - \$5,000.00 from Monarch International Inc. and 2. Donation to Student Activity Fund - \$50.00 from Clark, Leighton & Thomas. Pim Grondstra seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

A motion was made by Pim Grondstra to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II. (a), (b), (c). Fran Harrow seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the board voted unanimously to enter into Non-Public Session. The board entered into Non-Public at 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Administrators: Superintendent Peter Warburton, Principal Jon Ingram

Entered non-public session, from public session, at 6:20 pm.

The board discussed personnel matters.

MOTION TO EXIT NON PUBLIC SESSION:

At 7:10 hrs Fran Harrow made a motion to exit non public session. Motion seconded by Steve Coughlan. Unanimously accepted by roll call vote: Coughlan: yes, Grondstra: yes, Janson: yes, Harrow: yes, Mullens: yes, Brown: yes, Maresco: yes.

Motions:

Fran Harrow made a motion to accept Susan Carr's request for retirement. Peter Maresco seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.

Fran Harrow made a motion for special consideration for Margi Bagley's request. Pim Grondstra seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.

Fran Harrow made a motion to accept Barbara Wurst's request for retirement. Peter Maresco seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.

Pim Grondstra made a motion to nominate Dick Miller for the job of Athletic Director. Peter Maresco seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.

Steve Coughlan made a motion to nominate Kathy White to the job of Dean of Faculty. Fran Harrow seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.

Superintendent Warburton and Principal Ingram stated they would collaborate to ensure press releases for the Athletic Director and Dean of Faculty positions.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 7:20 hrs Steve Coughlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fran Harrow seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.