

1 Souhegan Cooperative School Board

2 Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

3 Meeting Minutes- Approved 05 18 21

4 Attendees via Zoom:

5 Administrative Team: Adam Steel- Superintendent of Schools, Christine Landwehrle- Assistant  
6 Superintendent, Meg Beauchamp- Director of Student Services, and Mike Berry- Principal of  
7 SHS

8 Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Chair- Pim Grondstra, Vice Chair- Stephanie Grund  
9 Secretary- John Glover, Steve Coughlan, George Torres, Christie Peters, and Laura Taylor

10 Board Minutes: Danae A. Marotta

11 Public: Delaney Facques, SHS Community Council Liaison, Lisa Eastland, 19 River Road,  
12 Amherst NH.

13 I. Souhegan Cooperative School Board Chair Opening

14 **Chairman of the Souhegan Cooperative School Board, Mr. Pim Grondstra, called the**  
15 **meeting to order at 6:00PM.**

16 Today, we will be conducting a school board meeting of the Souhegan Cooperative School  
17 Board.

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19 Before we get started, I'll read through a checklist to ensure that the meeting that we are holding  
20 is in compliance with the Right-to-Know Law.

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22 As Chairperson of the Souhegan Coop. Board, I find that due to the state of emergency declared  
23 by the Governor as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's  
24 Emergency Order Number #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 and its extensions, this  
25 public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to  
26 observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the  
27 Governor's Emergency Order.

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29 In accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that:

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31 1. We are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access  
32 possible by video and other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic  
33 meeting. All members of the committee and selected district staff have the ability to  
34 communicate contemporaneously in this meeting through this platform. And the public  
35 has access to contemporaneously watch and or listen to the meeting on Zoom and via  
36 phone by following the directions and links provided on our website: [www.sau39.org](http://www.sau39.org).

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38 2. We have provided public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.  
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40 3. We are providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting  
41 if there are problems with access. If anyone has a problem, please email  
42 [awallace@sau39.org](mailto:awallace@sau39.org).

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44 4. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting will be adjourned and  
45 rescheduled.

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47 5. Please note that all votes taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

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49 6. Finally, let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states  
50 their presence please also state where they are and if anyone else is in the room with you  
51 during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know Law.

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53 Roll Call: Coughlan- School Office with Superintendent Mr. Adam Steel and Ms. Delaney  
54 Facques, Grund- Home and alone, Glover- Home and alone, and Grondstra- Home and alone,  
55 Taylor- Home and alone, Peters- Car and alone and Torres- Home and alone.

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57 Mr. Grondstra noted a moment of silence for Mr. Dave Bellamy.

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59 II. Public Input I of II

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61 Mr. Grondstra asked for public comment.

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63 Ms. Lisa Eastland, 19 River Road, Amherst inquired if the Administration re-organization will  
64 be posted.

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66 Mr. Grondstra replied that the whole presentation will be posted on the SAU website.

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68 The Board thanked Ms. Eastland.

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70 Superintendent, Mr. Adam Steel, mentioned that Ms. Delaney Facques, SHS Community  
71 Council Liaison, is here to give an update.

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73 Ms. Facques noted that two weeks ago they had Fang Fest. Everyone followed the guidelines and  
74 had a good time. Prom will be happening and that will be exciting for the seniors to have. From  
75 Community Council, they had a new proposal brought yesterday that would create a student  
76 feedback committee. They would work hand in hand with the Dean of Students to try to send out  
77 surveys and receive feedback from students on different issues and work to resolve those. She  
78 will have more of an update at the next meeting. They elected a new Moderator, Mattie Daniels,  
so congratulations to her. In the coming weeks they will have their grade rep elections for  
sophomores and juniors and following that they will have their executive elections.

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80 The board thanked Ms. Facques.

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82 Mr. Steel commended Ms. Facques for her excellent game.

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84 III. Non-Public Session

79 **Mr. Glover motioned to enter into Non-Public Session RSA 91 A:3 II (a), (b) and (c) at**  
80 **6:10PM. Ms. Grund Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous motion passed.**

81 **Mr. Grondstra called a roll call: Grondstra- Yes, Torres- Yes, Coughlan- Yes, Taylor- Yes,**  
82 **Peters- Yes, Grund- Yes, Glover- Yes.**

83 Members Present: Grondstra, Torres, Coughlan, Taylor, Peters, Grund, and Glover.

84 Other persons present: Superintendent Steel, Assistant Superintendent Landwehrle, Principal  
85 Berry, Dean of Faculty Candidate, Dana Curran (left the meeting at 6:13)

86 Description of matters discussed and final decisions made: Staffing and HR matter

87 IV. Public Session

88 **Ms. Grund motioned to exit Non-Public Session and return to public session at 7:03PM.**  
89 **Ms. Peters seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. motion passed.**

90 **Mr. Grondstra called a roll call: Grondstra- Yes, Torres- Yes, Coughlan- Not in attendance,**  
**Taylor- Yes,**  
91 **Peters- Yes, Grund- Yes, Glover- Yes.**

92 **Mr. Torres motioned to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this**  
93 **information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a**  
94 **member of this board. Ms. Grund seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. motion**  
95 **passed.**

96 **Mr. Grondstra called a roll call: Grondstra- Yes, Torres- Yes, Coughlan- Not in attendance,**  
**Taylor- Yes, Peters- Yes, Grund- Yes, Glover- Yes.**

97 **Mr. Torres motioned to elect Dana Curran as Dean of Faculty. Ms. Grund seconded the**  
98 **motion. The vote was unanimous. motion passed.**

99 **Mr. Grondstra called a roll call: Grondstra- Yes, Torres- Yes, Coughlan-(Absent from**  
**meeting but supported)- , Taylor- Yes, Peters- Yes, Grund- Yes, Glover- Yes.**

100 **Ms. Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Mr. Torres seconded the motion.**  
101 **The vote was unanimous. motion passed.**

102 **Mr. Grondstra called a roll call: Grondstra- Yes, Torres- Yes, Coughlan- Absent, Taylor-**  
103 **Yes, Peters- Yes, Grund- Yes, Glover- Yes.**

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