

SAU #9 BOARD
Albany Town Hall
April 29, 2010

Attending:

Jane Gray, Eaton	Dr. Carl Nelson, SAU #9 Superintendent
Pat Philbrick, Eaton	Dr. Robert Gadomski, SAU #9 Asst. Supt.
Judi Goss Eaton	Colleen Cormack, Albany
Andrew Kearns, Jackson	James Sabina, Albany
Joe Kopitsky, Jackson	Laurie Ferris, Albany
Randy Davison, Conway	Nancy Kelemen, Bartlett
Lynne Brydon, Conway	Vicki Harlow, Bartlett
Dick Klement, Conway	Dan Perley, Bartlett
Rick Breton, Conway	
Janine McLauchlan, Conway	
Syndi White, Conway	

Recording Secretary:	Audience: 1
Gail T. Currier	

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were invited and reorganization of the Board announced.
3. **Reorganization of Board:**
 - A. **Election of Chairperson – Motion by Ms. Harlow, second by Ms. Kelemen, that Jane Gray be nominated as Chairperson for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, vote was taken and motion carried with 16 votes in the affirmative and Ms. Gray abstaining. Ms. Gray resumed the Chair.**
 - B. **Election of Vice-chairperson – Motion made by Ms. Goss, second by Ms. Brydon, to nominate Dick Klement as Vice Chair for the ensuing year. Motion carried with 16 votes in the affirmative and Mr. Klement abstaining.**
 - C. **Election of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer – Motion by Ms. Philbrick, second by Ms. McLauchlan, to elect Laurie Burnell as Treasurer, and Wendy Broker as Assistant Treasurer for the ensuing year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**
 - D. **Set Meeting Dates and Times – It was agreed the Board would continue to meet on the second Thursday of every other month at 6:30 p.m., and the Executive Board would meet on the second Thursday of alternating months.**
 - E. **Committee Assignments – The Chair noted it is left up to the individual Boards to assign committee members.**

F. Vote to Participate and Accept Grant Funds – It was the recommendation of Dr. Nelson that the Board approve the resolution as written. **Motion by Mr. Davison, second by Mr. Breton, that the Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for, receive, and expend in the name of the SAU such gifts, grants in aid, or other funds for educational purposes, as may be available or forthcoming from any source during the fiscal year in accord with the provisions of RSA 198:20, and authorize necessary budget amendments.** Mr. Klement questioned whether funding could be obtained for Project Succeed, given the failure of the warrant article to approve such funds at the annual District meeting. Dr. Nelson explained the resolution in question is for various funds – Conway would have to write its own grant for Project Succeed. **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

4. **Public Comments:** Lloyd Jones questioned that since the Conway teachers' contract had failed to win approval at the annual meeting, whether the start of school will be in jeopardy because that was part of the agreement. Dr. Nelson stated the calendar is already set and will stay as is.
5. **Approval of Minutes (3-4-10):** Ms. Harlow made note that on Pg. 4, 1st para., last sentence, reference to instructional cost has to do with the buses going back and forth rather than for the whole day. **Motion was made by Mr. Sabina, seconded by Ms. McLaughlan, that the Minutes of the March 4th meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried with 11 votes in the affirmative and abstentions by Mr. Breton, Ms. Brydon, Ms. Ferris, Ms. Kelemen, and Ms. White.**

6. **Personnel:** None.

7. **Business Affairs:**

A. FYI – 2009-10 Budget Status Report – Current budget was provided. Mr. Klement made comment that it appears that we are 8% “to the good” and he appreciated the work done by Dr. Nelson in keeping travel and telephone expenses down.

8. **Administrators' Reports:** A copy of the most recent SAU #9 Report Card was provided which Dr. Nelson pointed out is a very handy document to have available, especially when members are asked questions by the public about test scores, Special Ed, etc., as 90% of the answers are included in the Report. He noted this is the 11th year we have been providing the Report Card. This year's Report was put together by Dr. Gadomski who was commended for his work.

A. Next Meeting – June 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Bartlett School.

B. Next Executive Board Meeting – May 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the SAU Office.

9. Any Other Business:

A. FYI – Correspondence from Santina Thibedeau, State Director of Special Education, regarding Special Education compliance within SAU #9. Dr. Nelson noted that Pam Stimpson, Director of Special Services, has done a great job pulling that together and we are in good shape with regard to compliance issues.

B. FYI – Correspondence from Joyce Donohue – Letter of apology from attorney for delay in writing to call attention to SAU staff to thank them for “the superb way they sprang into action.”

C. FYI – NHSAA Update – Update advising of proposed budget cuts by the Governor in the coming years.

Project Succeed - Ms. Cormack stated she was sad to hear of the outcome of the vote, particularly with regard to Project Succeed, noting she has expressed a desire to have Albany represented on that Committee or Board, that Albany, Eaton and Conway are affected by that decision, and she wishes Albany could have representation. She stated she would love to hear when the meetings are to be held and would like to sit in on them.

Mr. Breton, representative from Conway, stated there have been some meetings, always different faces there – they have not scheduled their next meeting as yet. He noted that obviously the funding is a huge issue. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary on May 8th.

Ms. Cormack questioned why Albany and Eaton do not have representation. Ms. Gray said she would assume it is because it is a Conway program; however, she felt if Ms. Cormack wished to attend those meetings she would be welcome. It was noted there are 17 Albany students who attend. Dr. Nelson offered to provide information as to when meetings are being held.

Ms. Cormack said it is frustrating that Albany has not had a voice, our families can be affected by not having after school care. Mr. Breton said now that the article did not pass it appears that it will most affect Pine Tree School. Ms. Cormack said she realizes mostly Pine Tree will be affected, but when a town does not support a program like that, that could have an effect on future funding that would effect Conway Elementary.

Transportation Coordinator – Mr. Davison questioned where we stand regarding hiring of a new Transportation Coordinator. Dr. Nelson said a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning at which they will decide on a candidate for that position.

10. Non Public Session – None.**11. Adjourn: Motion was made by Ms. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Breton and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary