

JOINT BOARDS
Mineral Springs Cafe at KHS
May 27, 2010

Attending:

Vicki Harlow, Bartlett
Nancy Kelemen, Bartlett
Joyce Watson, Freedom
Randy Davison, Conway
Dick Klement, Conway
Pat Philbrick, Eaton
Jane Gray, Eaton
Joe Kopitsky, Jackson
Andrew Kearns, Jackson
Sarah Parsons, Madison
Jim Curran, Madison
Wendy Grzesik, Madison

Dr. Carl Nelson, SAU #9 Superintendent
Neal Moylan, Principal, KHS
Lori Babine, Career & Technical Center Dir.

Recording Secretary:
Gail T. Currier

Audience: 0

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Superintendent, Dr. Carl Nelson.

2. Reorganize:

A. Election of Chairman – Motion made by Ms. Gray, second by Ms. Kelemen, that Vicki Harlow be nominated Chair for the ensuing year. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ms. Harlow resumed the Chair.

B. Election of Vice-chairman – Motion by Ms. Gray, second by Ms. Watson, that Ingrid DeWitt be nominated Vice-chair for the ensuing year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes (1-28-10): Motion by Ms. Philbrick, second by Mr. Kearns, that the Minutes of the Jan. 28th meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comments: None.

5. Superintendents' Reports:

A. Jay McIntire – Mr. McIntire could not be present due to conflicting meetings, but provided a written report for the Board's review.

B. Carl Nelson – Dr. Nelson announced there will be a Cyber Safety Program on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Loynd Auditorium at KHS, to be presented in concert with the Conway Police Dept.

Kennett graduation will be held on June 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Gary Millen Field, weather permitting.

Dr. Nelson made reference to correspondence from Sheriff Conley commending Kennett High School for the excellent occupational studies programs offered there.

Dr. Nelson announced that Vice Principal, Rick Barnes, has resigned in order to be closer to family and we will be seeking a new Vice Principal. Mr. Barnes was commended for a job well done.

Dr. Nelson made note of Conway School Board's Initiative to take a look at what would happen to the programs from Kindergarten through grade 12 after we get through the approved budget if we were to make a cut of \$1 million or \$1.5 million, noting that for the last three years we have had some support in terms of the revenue side of the budget being higher; this year a bond was retired, there were health insurance increases and increased special ed expenses and we broke even. He stated the prior year we had \$850,000 in the tuition trust fund due to the fact that we received State building aid for the Career/Tech Center up front. Those revenues or offsets are not anticipated for the next budget cycle.

Dr. Nelson said the Board wants us to look at the reduction, looking at two options (\$1 million or \$1.5 million cuts). He said he has given the task to each of the building Principals and Directors, noting the amount they have to cut is relative to their relationship to the State average per pupil cost. He pointed out the bad news; however, if Conway makes either of these cuts, a year down the road we have less revenue coming in. Dr. Nelson expects to be able to report to the SAU Joint Board in Sept.

6. KHS/KMS/Career Tech. Reports:

A. Neal Moylan –

Mr. Moylan noted KHS will be hosting a Cyber Safety Program on June 2nd. He noted they have seen in the last 90 days an increased amount of bullying going on on the internet, which manifests itself inside the school. It is becoming an issue along with inappropriate texting [giving way too much information so that people out there are taking advantage of the youngsters]. The school has been working closely with the Police Dept. and Attorney General's office and will be providing a power point presentation. They have sent PSAs to every student in the high school, as well as SAU #13. He noted the school has been commended for going forward with this program by a national cyber safety expert who has spoken with Lt. Perley and provided a booklet on all the cyber safety issues and safety tips, which includes software that can be put in home computers which will send to the parents an instant message that their child is engaging

in possible inappropriate online activity. It is the intent to make the power point presentation to all classes individually, and to incorporate it into the curriculum.

Mr. Moylan reported the drop out rate for the high school was announced in Feb. at 1.1%, the result of hard work by community members and staff; however, it is recognized that there is still more hard work ahead to reach our goal of zero by 2012.

It was reported that 18 youngsters graduated from Eagle Academy recently. The school also offers a GED options program for students who have severe issues and cannot make it through the Eagle Academy, preparing them to take the five GED tests.

Note was made that SAT scores have been declining in the last few years and have been a topic of interest in recent days. He noted that looking at our NECAPS we are above State average; however, we are going to drive that score to equal and exceed the SAT average in the State and have instituted an SAT preparation course to be held during the day. KHS has received a grant from NH Charitable Foundation and will have funding to offer PSATs next year to every student in our junior class, and will allow us to get a great deal of data that will show us in individual areas where our students are deficient.

Mr. Moylan noted it is planned that an SSR Program will be put into the school next year which will highlight reading scores and increase students' vocabulary. They have discussed adding warm up exercises with a focus on math and improving student's vocabulary.

As regards National Honor Society, Mr. Moylan noted that presently the Advisory is a volunteer position and he wants to get it stipended. The current Advisor is going to the State to find out what other National Honor Societies are doing within the State. Members of NHS have instituted this year a peer mentoring piece – they may bring in a professor and/or send kids to a conference, and there is the possibility of them getting to take a free course. He noted they have done the same with Student Council which had become a “party planning” organization and should be more active – this will change that: they did not previously have an agenda, take minutes, have a bulletin board, or have an electronic page. Today they designed a letterhead, have created a set of by-laws, and in the fall will have a Roberts' Rules of Order course, all aimed at learning to be leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Moylan offered congratulations to this year's Valedictorian, Liza Townsend, and Salutatorian, Katharine Badger, who will be featured in the local paper. He noted that Senior Prom was held on May 8th at the Mt. Washington Hotel with 254 attendees. The prom committee raised money to provide tickets for those students who are on free and reduced lunch.

Advanced Placement Testing – This year there was a student participation increase of 43% with 149 student testing seats filled compared with last year's 104 testing seats. When Mr. Davison questioned students in Advanced Placement now being required to take the test, Mr. Moylan noted that when students had to pay for the last tests they made

a profit – he would like to put that into a pool so that those who cannot afford to take the test can. Ms. Harlow questioned whether all the staff who teach AP classes have received training and was told they have; also they will be sending Chris Bailey to a class this year – they want to begin to focus some attention on the upper 5% to 10%, bringing the rest of the school along with it.

MWV Science Fair – Mr. Moylan said between Bartlett Middle School and Kennett Middle School there were 150 exhibits, 33 exhibits from our high school students. He noted our kids did especially well. He stated that next year he would like to enter a robotic competition team.

Band & Arts – It was noted that KHS Band, Stage and Select Choir all earned gold medals. They also won the Team Spirit Award and qualified for Nationals in July.

Three KHS teachers will be presenting at the National Council of Teachers of English in Florida in November. Of the 1200 applications only 20% get to present over the four day conference.

The Ed Line Program is now on line. Most teachers are posting student grades; however, some are not doing it on a regular weekly basis and will be urged to continue to improve, otherwise it will show up in their performance evaluations.

Learning Through Teaching Program – It was reported that Elaine Millen and Penny Kittle are working with our teachers on differentiated instruction. They will be hosting a workshop for staff on “twitter,” and later on “development of the brain.”

The Millen Foundation is working to create a Millen Walk of Fame fundraiser, selling granite pavers leading into Millen Stadium, to be sold by student clubs and booster organizations.

Mr. Kopitsky questioned with regard to cyber bullying, how the school addresses other types of bullying. Mr. Moylan referred him to the Unity Project aimed at making schools safer and more respectful. He noted they have been dealing with this for 4 or 5 years, it is most prevalent in 9th grade, but they are addressing it all the time. It was noted that Conway does have a written policy on this.

Mr. Klement asked how many teachers chaperoned at the Senior Prom. Mr. Moylan said there was a sufficient number – 4 teachers, 4 administrators, 1 SRO, Bartlett PD on Rt. 302, and an officer from Twin Mt.

Mr. Klement questioned whether the school is changing its orange juice offering because one type has less vitamin C? Mr. Moylan will look into that.

Mr. Davison said regarding bullying, Tamworth, Conway and Bartlett have PBIS and questioned whether they share that information. Mr. Moylan advised that they do. Dr. Nelson stated there is a real direct communication.

B. Lori Babine – Career/Technical Director – Ms. Babine thanked everyone for a great year at the Career/Tech Center and for the support from everyone. She reported they have started a Career/Tech student of the month program this year with pictures posted on the bulletin board and a student recognition luncheon. She noted that they are looking into a student ambassador program similar to what Pinkerton Academy has so that when people come into the school and want to have a tour, or if the Middle School would like sponsors, they will be trained to do that.

Ms. Babine noted the Center has been approved for the Running Start Business Law Program. They already offer Accounting College I, Early Childhood Education, and CAD. A Running Start student pays \$100 and earns credits that are transferable as an elected grade for college. They have both accounting and business law scheduled for next year. Ms. Gray commented that the business law program here will be the first one qualified in the State of NH.

Ms. Babine noted the Rotary/Kiwanis scholarship dinner put on by the Culinary Arts Program provided three \$500 scholarships; also they had a display of the Mineral Spring proposed bridge being designed by junior, Dalton L'Heureux. They are hoping to start that project either this summer or early fall.

On June 3rd they will have the National Technical Honor Society induction (with six students being inducted this year), followed by the Academic Awards Program.

Ms. Babine recognized Heather Purnell who was nominated Career/Tech student of the year at the White Mountains Regional High School.

Ms. Babine said they had a lot of student success with Career/Tech student organizations, participated in State competitions, and had several first through fifth place winners.

Mr. Klement said he likes the Running Start Program, but because of feedback from some people he would like to get Lloyd Jones of the Daily Sun to write more about Running Start and the fact that students can get college credits while in high school. Ms. Babine agreed to follow up on that.

C. Kevin Richard – It was noted that Mr. Richard is with the 8th Grade on their trip to Washington, DC this week and could not be present.

7. **Board Member Issues:** None.

A. Date for Next Meeting – Sept. 23, 2010.

B. Topics for Next Meeting – Ms. Harlow requested agenda items: SAT profiles and report on Conway budget process were suggested.

7. **Any Other Business:** None

- 8. Adjourn: Motion was made by Ms. Philbrick, seconded by Ms. Kelemen and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier
Recording Secretary