

**Sebago School Department
School Committee Meeting
May 25, 2021**

There was a Regular Meeting of the Sebago School Committee on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 in person at the Sebago Town Office at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The following School Committee members were present – Tina Vanasse, Wendy Newcomb, Audrey Schoolcraft, Donelle Allen, and Joseph McMahon. Also present were Superintendent Marc Gendron, Secretary Allen Crabtree, Randa Viitala, Kate Sterling, Avery Thomas, and Justin Fareil and Avery Fareil.

The meeting was called to order by Joseph McMahon, Vice Chair, at 5:07 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Joseph McMahon asked that the draft minutes from the April 13, 2021 School Committee meeting be added to the agenda.

Approve Revised Agenda

A motion was made by Audrey Schoolcraft, seconded by Tina Vanasse, to approve the revised agenda. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion was made by Tina Vanasse, seconded by Joseph McMahon, to approve the following Minutes:

- Special School Committee Meeting of April 26, 2021
- School Committee Meeting of April 27, 2021
- Special School Committee Meeting of April 13, 2021

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were none.

Presentation/Report

Special Education Report

Kate Sterling gave a report on the status of the Special Education program. There are 42 students in the program and they have shown an 18+ growth in reading and 17+ growth in math comprehension. This is a very good rate of growth. She talked about next year's program, projected numbers include: 22 Sebago Elementary School students, 7 middle school students, and 11 high school students.

Principal's Report

Superintendent Gendron gave the Principal's Report for Principal Goff.

- Supplemental Title I Grant – The school department has been approved for a grant of \$10,485 to be used for Title I Summer School
- Next school year at SES - Art classes will be increased by 20 minutes to 60 minute sessions and library will be reduced 30 minutes.
- There will be 10 Pre-Kindergarten and 4 Kindergarten students next year, with 6 more on the Pre-K waiting list. There can be a maximum of 15 Pre-K students in the class, possibly more if social distancing limits are modified.
- NWEA testing - NWEA testing has been completed, a presentation will be given to the School Committee at the June Meeting.
- End of School Year – Since we had to plan for not being able to invite in the general public this year, Grandparents Day has been replaced with a hold over from last year: Celebrating Maine's History. Activities include: clam digging, creating a Maine mural, designing a Maine animal, Maine License Plates, corn hole and ring toss, studying animal tracks, and potato printing. This is scheduled for next Friday.
- Each class has scheduled their own field trip. Field Day will be on June 3, Step-up Day for Kindergarten will be on June 10, and a 5th grade celebration will be on June 11. The high school seniors will be visiting in their caps and gowns on June 8 at approximately 10:00 a.m.
- The last day of school for SES is June 14th. The last day of school for Lake Region Middle School and High School students is June 18th.

Superintendent's Report

- Information re: Governor Mills –55% funding for Public Education - Superintendent Gendron reported that the amount of state funding to Sebago under the EPS formula will likely not increase, based on Sebago's high property valuation.
- Preliminary NWEA Report - We have seen a 50% net growth. All but one class has shown growth. More details at the June meeting.
- Final Grant ESSER III or ARP Final Update

Superintendent's Report (continued)

- Remote learning - There will be no remote learning next year. There are 13 in remote learning now through the end of the school year. The remote learning teacher did a good job with her students this year.

Action Items

- 2021-22 School Calendar – Second Reading

A motion was made by Donelle Allen, seconded by Wendy Newcomb, to approve the second reading of the 2021-22 School Calendar. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

- Nomination of Kindergarten Teacher for the 2021-22 school year

Superintendent Gendron recommended Jennifer Elsaesser as Kindergarten Teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

A motion was made by Tina Vanasse, seconded by Audrey Schoolcraft, to hire Jennifer Elsaesser as Kindergarten Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Vote: Yes- 5, 0-No. Motion carried.

- Waiver for Ice Cream Party for Students

There was discussion about providing a waiver for the year-end ice cream party. One class did not make the cut and would not be eligible to attend the party.

A motion was made by Tina Vanasse, seconded by Wendy Newcomb, to issue a waiver for the ice cream party this year. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Superintendent Search Update

Audrey Schoolcraft reported that interviews are scheduled for two candidates. It might be possible to interview, appoint, and hire one of the two candidates if they are acceptable. A comment was made that if no candidate is hired by July 1, arrangements will need to be made for an interim superintendent.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

Information Items

Sebago Community Market – June 16, 2021

Future Meetings

- School Committee Workshop - June 22, 2021 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – SES
- School Committee Meeting – June 22, 2021 – 6:30 - 7 :30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Donelle Allen, seconded by Audrey Schoolcraft, to adjourn. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Secretary
