

Sunapee School Board Meeting

SMHS Gymnasium

February 4, 2026

Call to Order:

Chair Andersen called the School Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Edward Andersen - Chair

Amanda Spears

Alyse Lizotte

Linda Tanner

Tiago Pereira

Others Present:

Russell Holden, Superintendent

Kelly Wessells, Business Administrator

Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal

Meagan Reed, SCES Principal - Absent

John Lellos, SMHS Assistant Principal - Absent

Amanda Hughlock, Director of Student Services

Taylor Goodspeed, Student Representative

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Andersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Alyse Lizotte moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 School Board Meeting as presented.

Amanda Spears seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous

Alyse Lizotte moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Special Board meeting as presented.

Tiago Pereira seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Linda Tanner moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 non-public meeting as presented.

Tiago Pereira seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Alysse Lizotte moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Special Board meeting as presented.

Amanda Spears seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda Review:

None

Public Forum:

None

Student Representative Report:

Taylor Goodspeed, student representative, gave the following report:

- The basketball teams and ski teams are wrapping up. Winter Awards Night will be held next Friday. The Bass Fishing Team will be receiving their State Championship Banner that night.
- The Principal's Advisory Committee will be meeting soon.
- The Student Council will be holding a lock-in between the winter and spring sports seasons. They are also holding an elementary Father/Daughter Dance.
- Auditions are being held for the spring play, "Fiddler on the Roof".

SMHS Good News:

Principal Moynihan gave the Board the following report:

- The middle school is holding a Valentine's Day dance.
- The Principal's Advisory Committee meets each quarter. They are meeting next week to discuss scheduling for next year and the student handbook.
- The spring play auditions are coming up.
- Tuition students have been touring the school. He is projecting 5-6 freshmen for next year.

The Board congratulated Taylor Goodspeed on their acceptance into Western Connecticut State University to play for their softball team.

SCES Good News:

Student Services Director, Amanda Hughlock stated that Principal Reed could not be in attendance and will be giving a two-month update at the March meeting.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Holden gave the Board the following report:

- Long-time educator Cindy Currier, Meagan Reed's mother, passed away.
- HB751 (Open Enrollment Bill) has been pushed off, It might be brought forth on February 12, 2026. This doesn't affect the warrant article on the ballot as that warrant article is based on the current law in place.
- He is working on administrative evaluations.

School Board Topics:

April - Guidance/Adjustment Counselor

June - Strategic Plan Update

Second Reading of Policies:

Amanda Spears moved to approve the second reading of policies as presented.

Alyse Lizotte seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Approve Proposed 26-27 School Calendar:

Amanda Spears moved to approve the 26-27 school calendar as presented.

Linda Tanner seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Deliberative Session Review:

Chair Andersen stated he thought the process went smoothly. Superintendent Holden stated he contacted the moderator and thanked her for a good job as this was her first year.

Public Hearing:

There will be a public hearing on the Open Enrollment article on February 9, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Voting Day:

Chair Andersen noted that Voting Day is Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Manifest:

Alysse Lizotte moved to approve the A/P and payroll manifests as presented.

Tiago Pereira seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Agenda for March 11, 2026:

- Graduation Date
- Field Trips
- Voting Results

Nonpublic Session:

Alysee Lizotte moved to enter a nonpublic session at 6:14 p.m. under RSA 91:3-II(a).

Amanda Spears seconded the motion.

Edward Andersen - Yay, Alysse Lizotte - Yay, Amanda Spears - Yay, Linda Tanner - Yay, Tiago Pereira - Yay

The Board entered back into public session at 6:40 motion by Linda Tanner Second by Tiago

Ed Anderson motioned to approve the contact for superintendent services from SAU 108, Alysse Lizotte seconded the motion, all in favor 5-0

Motion to adjourn Amanda Spears, seconded Linda Tanner, 5-0

6:44 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kate O'Connor

School Board Secretary