

Sullivan School Board pro tem meeting
Wednesday, February 20, 2012
6:30 PM at Sullivan Town Hall

Sullivan School Board pro tem: Stephanie Jacques Kleine, Malinda Scherpa, Dana Briggs, Jennifer Labadie, Paul Bolduc

Others in attendance: Chris Pratt, Toni Ellsworth, Ken Dassau, JJ Prior

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: P. Bolduc MOVED to approve the minutes of the Feb. 20. **SECOND:** M. Scherpa. Voice vote, Motion passes.

Public comments:

None.

Old Business

SAU Withdrawal: C. Pratt said the report is almost ready. He is attempting to connect with SAU 93 Superintendent Leo Corriveau to finalize the effort. From conversations with SAU 93 business manager Jane Fortson, it seems both MRSD and Sullivan School District will save money over a 2-district SAU.

The board discussed the steps required for posting the March annual district meeting warrant.

The warrant was reviewed article by article.

Article 4 was changed and updated, with Attorney Bradley's approval.

MOTION: J. Labadie MOVED to language of article 4 as amended:

"To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000 to reimburse the Monadnock Regional School District for capital expenses to the Sullivan Central School and to authorize the Sullivan School Board to negotiate the timing of the payment for and transfer of title of the School as provided in RSA 195:28 and to further authorize the Sullivan School Board to negotiate for the sale of the School and to sell the School for an amount approved by the Sullivan Budget Committee."

SECOND: P. Bolduc. Discussion: K. Dassau said the important point allows for the scheduling of payment, since the district won't have adequate funding until later in the year. C. Pratt indicated having support from the budget committee and school board is most important. Voice vote, **Motion passes.**

The amount of the operating budget, article 3, was reduced by the budget committee by \$19,000 from the "Operation & Maintenance of Plant" line. The board discussed whether to approve the recommendation of the budget committee, or suggest a budget in the original amount.

MOTION: J. Labadie MOVED accept article 3 as written; including the reduction. **SECOND:** M. Scherpa. Discussion: M. Scherpa said the expenses of winterizing the building are anticipated. K. Dassau reminded the board that money can be reallocated within a budget.

D. Briggs called to question: Voice vote, **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Labadie MOVED accept article 5, expendable trust fund, as written. **SECOND:** P. Bolduc. Discussion: M. Scherpa asked what happens if the school district exceeds its budgeted amount. K. Dassau said the board should notify the select board and budget committee as soon as it sees a danger of overspending. A deficit article would be required on the next warrant. Voice vote, **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Labadie MOVED accept article 6 as written. **SECOND:** M. Scherpa. Discussion: None. Voice vote, **Motion passes.**

K. Dassau said the district will need to establish a bank account and EIN.

Next meeting date and agenda

The next meeting will be March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of Town Hall.

Approval and signing of contracts:

- Keene School District
- Nelson School District
- Granite State Transitional Principals

Adjournment

MOTION: J. Labadie MOVED to adjourn. **SECOND:** M. Scherpa. Voice vote, Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Prior

Recording secretary