

Sullivan School Board

Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2017

Present

Stephanie Jacques Kleine, Mike Brooks, Stephanie Milotte, Malinda Scherpa
Absent: Paul Bolduc

Others: Ken Dassau, Toni Ellsworth
Public visitors: None

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Stephanie JK.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Mike motioned to approve the minutes from the Board's meeting from December 21th, 2016.

Second by Malinda

The Board agreed.

Voice vote: Unanimous

Motion so passes and Minutes approved

Superintendent's Report - Ken Dassau

MS27 is ready for signatures so it can be posted along with the warrant articles. AREA signatures of board members were set for delivery to the Keene School Board. See Warrant Articles below.

Treasurer's Report

Toni shared a letter sent from Windy Row Learning Center to the Sullivan School Board reporting positive progress with a student. The letter thanked the School Board for supporting the student who as has proven to be motivated and has shown great success.

Toni stated for personal reasons it was her intention to resign as Treasurer in the following month pending a replacement. The Board discussed possible options as to who might be a good replacement for the position. Toni suggested Michael Brooks to serve in the role which would mean resigning from the School Board and being appointed as the Treasurer until the Town could vote on the position. In such as case, a replacement School Board member would need to be found. Michael was non-comital.

Manifest:

- We're doing fine and within budget this year.
- JoAnne (bookkeeper) is working on changing the system setup to use school year verses calendar year.

- Treasurer stipend is not included in this manifest as it was adjusted last year and the figure needed to be identified. The amount identified was \$500.
- As mentioned in last month's meeting, expenditure for accounting services will likely exceed the amount budgeted as there was more setup require this first year. Subsequent years should be more in line with what was budgeted.
- We're currently seven months into the current year. New year starts July 1st 2017.
- Current back balance is \$204,018.93
- Toni noted some new additions to this month's manifest and went over the month's current payments and explained them.
- Payments included:
 - Rise, Surry Village, Vachon & Clukay, Building Loan, First Student, Nelson School District, JoAnn Perlowski, Windy Row Learning Center, NFI North
- Toni discussed the current balance sheet.
- Toni then shared the Balance Sheet reflecting November through December
- Toni also mentioned that JoAnne was working more hours than we anticipated. She hopes it will level off, but wanted the Board to be aware of the potential increased costs.

BUDGET WARRANT Articles

- Article 10 – SSD Board reviewed the wording of Article 10 as proposed by the Nelson. Article 10 is considered a place holder. It was agreed to take no action until the terms of a long-term commitment are more clearly defined. In general the Board is receptive to a long-term contract once we have details such as how much tuition would go up, what terms would need to be met for early withdrawal, etc.
- We need to be clear Sullivan has no part in the Nelson school building, nor the potential bond Nelson will need to cover the costs. Costs should be absorbed through tuition.
- Discussion regarding the impact and whether modifications to the wording needs to be made pending the Board's review of the proposed agreement specifics.

Topics:

- **Nelson Meeting:**
 - Nelson held a meeting to explain details concerning a building expansion. Nelson and Sullivan residents were invited to attend. Stephanie JK and Stephanie M attended. A one-million-dollar bond cost was presented.
- **Town Report.**
 - Paul is working on the Town report however he was unable to attend this meeting.

Public Comment: None

Upcoming Meetings / Events

The next Sullivan School Board Meeting will be held on February 15th @ 6:30PM.

The election of officers is March 15th

Annual District and Town Meeting is March 15th.

Adjournment

Mike Brooks made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Stephanie Milotte

Meeting closed at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Brooks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael S. Brooks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.