

Sullivan School Board Meeting June 17, 2015

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:38PM

Present

Stephanie Jacques-Kleine, Paul Bolduc, Stephanie Milotte

Others: Ken Dassau, Toni Ellsworth, Mike Brooks

Absent: Malinda Scherpa

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from 5/20/15 by Stephanie M.

Seconded by Paul.

Discussion. Stephanie M. requested clarification on the numbers that were published in the minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie JK introduced Mike Brooks. Mr. Brooks shared some personal and professional information about himself. Board members were also introduced.

Motion to nominate Mike Brooks as a school board member.

Seconded by Stephanie M. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

Mike was welcomed as a new board member and will need to be sworn in by Mary Hull, the district clerk.

Public Comment

None

Treasurer's Report

Toni shared three reports with the board.

We had a planned budget for \$717 thousand and we had tuition of \$813 thousand. This 96,000 shortfall makes up the largest chunk of our total anticipated budgetary shortfall of \$348,856. Toni noted that these expenditures are obligations that we need to meet and that they were not incurred from excessive or ancillary spending.

Toni noted the need for us to have a meeting with the Selectmen to explain this shortfall and organize a public hearing for us to use our Tuition Reserve to pay these obligations.

Paul enquired on the turn around time for the July tax payment from the town and how this could help our cash flow in the short term.

Toni replied that she felt the need to request that the town be able to make the dispersement in June.

Toni then went over the manifest and explained the shortfall.

The board discussed what was best to do.

Ken pointed out that our new budget year begins in July.

Paul made a **motion** to authorize the superintendent as the agent of the Sullivan School Board, to expend up to \$135,000 from the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund established by the voters of the District in March, 2013 for use in reducing a possible deficit in the 2014-2015 Sullivan School District

budget as identified by our School District budget as identified by our School District auditor in July 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Seconded by Stephanie M.

Discussion. Stephanie K. Asked Ken to clarify the process and he explained how the use of this savings account for unforeseen expenditures would proceed.

Voted unanimous.

Motion passes.

Toni commented on the usefulness of the more user friendly budget flow form to better communicate our fiscal challenges. Toni explained the role of the auditors and the importance of dealing with these issues now.

Toni returned to the manifest and noted the payments to 8 payees with the exception of Keene School District due to our current budget challenges. Totaling about \$59,000.

Superintendent's Report

Ken requested the motion for him to be able to access the Expendable Trust Fund with the auditor made earlier in the meeting.

Upcoming Board Meeting

July 15th, 2015

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie M.

Seconded by Paul.

Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 8:10PM

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Bolduc