

Sullivan School Board meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
6:30 PM at the Sullivan Town Hall, lower level

Sullivan School Board: Paul Bolduc, Christine Hanson, Stephanie Jacques Kleine, Malinda Scherpa

Absent: Dana Briggs

Others in attendance: Ken Dassau, Mary Monroe, JJ Prior

Mary Hull was present prior to the meeting to swear in the new district officers. She also provided information about establishing a phone system. She asked about providing school registration forms to residents, as well as establishing a P.O. box.

There was also a discussion about establishing residency for students moving into the district, and the verification process.

M. Hull asked about the process for paying for upcoming expenses such as postage, and those related to the upcoming district meeting.

Call to order

School district administrator K. Dassau opened the meeting on behalf of the board at 6:50 p.m.

Public comments

None requested.

Election of officers

NOMINATION: P. Bolduc NOMINATED S. Jacques Kleine as chair. **SECOND:** C. Hanson.
Voice vote: Unanimous.

NOMINATION: S. Jacques Kleine NOMINATED P. Bolduc as vice chair. **SECOND:** C. Hanson.
Voice vote: Unanimous.

Town/School district meeting

P. Bolduc said he was pleased with the outcome. S. Jacques Kleine said it has been difficult to ensure everyone is happy with the plans.

SAU 93 withdrawal

C. Pratt reported he, Dr. Dassau, and Dr. Leo Corriveau attended the NH Board of Education meeting. The group answered questions from the board, and the withdrawal plan was approved. The next step in the SAU withdrawal will be a Sullivan School District meeting to vote for such action. C. Pratt recommends a ballot vote, as the vote requires 60% in favor to pass. The supervisors of the checklist must meet no less than 10 days before such a meeting, and such a meeting of the supervisors must be

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posted no less than 10 days in advance as well.

In order to provide enough notice to the town, such as a mailing explaining the need for attendance, C. Pratt recommended 30 April 2013 as the date to hold the district meeting.

MOTION: S. Jacques MOVED to hold a district meeting April 30 2013 for purposes of voting on the SAU 93 withdrawal plan. **SECOND:** P. Bolduc. Voice vote, motion passes.

C. Pratt said the language of the warrant will need to be written up. J. Prior read from RSA 194-C:2, wherein the ballot question language is prescribed.

P. Bolduc said he would be out of town on the date of the meeting. He inquired about the option of an absentee ballot. C. Pratt said he would ask about that option.

P. Bolduc asked what questions were asked by the State Board of Education. C. Pratt said the board asked about the administration of special education, and as to whether contracts for receiving school districts were now in hand. K. Dassau and C. Pratt expressed thanks to Sarah Browning, attorney for the NH Department of Education, who lent much of her expertise to reviewing the plan.

Insurance

K. Dassau said the board is now covered by LGC liability insurance. He recommended Darlene Simmons from LGC be invited to explain the policies. The coverage is activated, but the board does not yet have money to pay. Money needs to be transferred into the school district bank account opened by district treasurer Toni Ellsworth.

Granite State Transitional Principals

K. Dassau reported the contract had been signed with GSTP for superintendent services, but is presently under minor revisions pending review by school district attorney David Bradley.

M. Scherpa arrived.

School building updates

S. Jacques Kleine said she received a message from a commercial realtor asking about when the building will likely be listed. She requested MRSD superintendent Corriveau bring up the topic of listing the building while MRSD still holds the title at the next MRSD board meeting.

School contracts

S. Jacques Kleine reported the Nelson school contract still required fine tuning. The Keene contracts remained going back and forth, but are unlikely to change further. S. Jacques Kleine will distribute it to the board members for their review.

MOTION: M. Scherpa MOVED to authorize the board chair to sign the two contracts with Keene School District. **SECOND:** P. Bolduc. Voice vote, motion passes.

Posting of meetings

The board does not need to post every individual school board meeting as long as it maintains a regular schedule, as it does currently. P. Bolduc will look to be sure this schedule is posted.

Registration and planning

S. Jacques Kleine expressed a concern that families have the information they need to register for schools. Kindergarten is the first deadline, the first week in April. K. Dassau said all parties should know where the forms will be available. Forms will be available at each of the schools, and S. Jacques Kleine said she is working to get all forms available at Sullivan Town Hall. K. Dassau recommended posting the information to the web site. Keene Middle School Principal Dottie Frazier says the school will be hosting an orientation and registration event on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Board roles/Policies

K. Dassau shared the options for adopting school board policies. Previous discussion suggested the Sullivan School Board adopt the policies of its partner school districts. K. Dassau could also share the policies adopted by the Surry school board.

Upcoming meetings/events

April 3 - School board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 17 - School board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 30 - Sullivan School District meeting with vote on SAU 93 withdrawal, 6:30 p.m.

Public comments

None requested.

Adjournment

MOTION: S. Jacques Kleine MOVED to adjourn. **SECOND:** M. Scherpa Seconded. Voice vote, Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Prior
Recording secretary