

# Sullivan School Board Meeting

## Minutes

November 18, 2015

### Present

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

**Others:** Ken Dassau, Toni Ellsworth,

Public visitors: None

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM by Stephanie JK.

### Approval of Minutes

Malinda motioned to approve the minutes from the Board's meeting from October 21, 2015. Second by Mike. No Discussion. Voice vote: Unanimous  
Motion passes. Minutes approved.

### Superintendent's Report - Ken Dassau

#### ***6th Grade Students going to KMS***

Ken discussed the Keene response to Sullivan regarding the sending the 6th graders from Nelson and Sullivan students.

The rate for Middle School for Keene is set, but the application to join AREA school agreement though a lower tuition cost by about \$500, the AREA agreement would be a 20 year commitment.

Stephanie recommended to discuss this with the Nelson Board so that we can be on the same page given our mutual interests in the vision of the Nelson School.

Malinda wondered if it were useful to have the 7th grade and 8th graders to join the AREA schools if possible.

Mike feels that the unity of what happens with the 6th grade class should be one which is unified. They really shouldn't be split if Nelson desires to have their 6th graders return. Sullivan must notify the Keene Board in writing of Sullivan's intent to enter 6th grade prior to January 1.

**MOTION:** Malinda moved to send a notification to Keene that the Town of Sullivan intends to send its Sullivan students to Keene Middle School for the 2015-2016. Seconded by Stephanie M. No Discussion. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes

### Superintendent & Business Manager Contract

Ken discussed the current superintendent/ special education director contract with the Sullivan School Board which expires June 30, 2016. He requested a \$1500 increase for the proposed future contract. Business manager, Brian Gallagher requested a \$500 increase in future contracts. The board discussed the benefits of a yearly contract and a multiple year contract. They uniformly praised Ken for his value in our work as a school board.

**MOTION:** Paul made a motion "To support a two year contract for Superintendent Ken Dassau for the 2016-2018 year with a \$1500 dollar increase per year. Seconded by Stephanie M. No Discussion. Voice Vote: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

**MOTION:** Stephanie M. made a motion "To support a two year contract for Brian Gallagher for the 2016 - 2018 calendar year with a \$500 dollar increase per year. Seconded by Stephanie M. Discussion: The board discussed the desire for Brian to visit during crucial budget periods during the year to learn from him and work closely with the Treasurer and potentially meet with the board. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes

### **Student Issues**

**Motion** to move the meeting into non-public to discuss student issues.

Voice Roll call Vote - Unanimous **Motion Passes**

Meeting moved to non-public @ 7:30 PM

The Board discussed special education students within the district and the potential 2016 - 2017 budget impacts.

Meeting returned to public at 7:45 PM

### **Treasurer's Report - Toni Ellsworth**

#### **Tuition Cash Flow Analysis**

Toni noted that the tuition numbers are pretty close to projections. The budgeting of 5% overage seemed to come close. Stephanie JK inquired about the numbers of preschoolers for the 2016 academic year. It was anticipated to have 5-7 kindergarten students. For every 7 students, we are paying about \$100,000. Stephanie suggested that we look critically at the budget considering that we ran in the red this past budget year.

#### **Manifest**

Toni covered the manifest for the month of October.

Payments for the month:

District Stipends	\$2600
First Student	\$10,788.40
Keene School District	\$237251.98
Tucker Transportation	\$1360
Rise for Family	\$3900
National Advisors Trust	\$50,000

Toni noted the challenge of the monies for the trust to be given to the Trustees to meet their policies.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Upcoming Meetings / Events**

Next School Board Meeting December 16th, 2015 at 6:30PM

January 20th, 2016 at 6:30PM

Filing for Candidacy for School Board is due to Town Clerk by January 20, 2016

Wednesday, February 3rd Sullivan School District Public Hearing  
Thursday, February 4th Budget Hearing - proposed.

**Adjournment**

Stephanie Jacques-Klein motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Paul Bolduc

Meeting closed at 9:02PM

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Bolduc

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Bolduc". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'P' and 'B'.