

**Sullivan School Board meeting  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014  
7:00 p.m. at the Sullivan Town Hall, lower level**

Sullivan School Board: Paul Bolduc, Stephanie Jacques Kleine, JJ Prior, Risa Keene, Malinda Scherpa.

Others in attendance: Toni Ellsworth, Ken Dassau, Roger Sweet, Chris Pratt

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Approval of minutes**

**MOTION:** R. Keene MOVED to approve minutes from Sept. 24, 2014. **SECOND:** J. Prior seconded. Voice vote, Motion passes.  
Toni moved to approve minutes, paul seconded

**Public comments**

Roger shared a story about his first trick-or-treaters in his 20 or so years living in Sullivan. He asked about their school, and one student exclaimed, "I LOVE the Nelson School!"

Roger took some time to explain the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and their role in town funds. Future deposits to the trust should be made by check to the Town of Sullivan, and should be accompanied by the applicable paperwork. For withdrawing funds, the trustees must be assured of the validity as approved at the district meeting. A record of the request must also appear in the board's meeting minutes.

District Moderator Chris Pratt spoke about the upcoming deadlines for the annual district meeting. Any board members wishing to appear on the ballot should file at town hall by January 30.

March 10 and 11 are the dates of town meeting, with the 10th being voting for officers. On March 11 town meeting on appropriations will be held, followed by school district meeting. The district annual report should be done early enough to be included in the town annual report. February 24 is a target date.

**Treasurer**

Due to bills between meetings, two manifests were presented. The payments for tuition, transportation, and legal fees were signed and approved by the board.

Minutes approved 12/17/14

## **Superintendent**

The district should reimburse two families for transportation costs to preschool. The district is obligated to provide transportation as requested. This option will cost less than having a bus.

J. Prior shared about the Nelson School Board meeting when Nelson School graduates returned to report on their transition. Students have generally experienced a positive transition, and shared that sixth grade at Nelson School prepared them well for middle school. The students expressed that the late bus has not been a useful option for them.

**MOTION:** P. Bolduc MOVED to cancel late bus service from First Student. **SECOND:** M. Scherpa seconded. Voice vote, Motion passes.

J. Prior reported on the principal search committee. The committee will comprise many different people from the school community, including teachers and school staff, parents, Nelson and Sullivan board members, and the greater community.

After reviewing the contract, it was determined no action needs to be taken to renew the Nelson School contract.

The board acknowledged having closed on the school building. R. Keene wished to express special appreciation to S. Jacques Kleine for the efforts she put toward the sale of the building.

## **Other business**

S. Jacques Kleine thanked Risa Keene for attending the underground tank inspection training. This was required when the district acquired ownership of the school building.

S. Jacques Kleine shared that two students had moved out of town.

Next meeting is Dec. 17 at 6:30. It will be a joint meeting with the Nelson School Board, and will be held at the Nelson School, 441 Granite Lake Rd. in Nelson.

## **Public comments**

None present.

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** P. Bolduc MOVED to adjourn. **SECOND:** R. Keene seconded. Voice vote, Motion passes.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Prior  
Recording secretary

Superintendent

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