

**Sullivan School Board meeting  
Wednesday, October 15, 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

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

**Approval of minutes**

The word “the” needs to be added to DRA in the final paragraph. **MOTION:** P Bolduc MOVED to approve minutes from Aug. 11, 2014 as amended. **SECOND:** J. Prior seconded. Voice vote, Motion passes.

**MOTION:** P Bolduc MOVED to approve minutes from Sept. 24, 2014. **SECOND:** J. Prior seconded. Voice vote, Motion passes.

**Public comments**

None present. Mary Monroe sent a message to JJ Prior informing him there will be Gilsum parents that may request the Sullivan School Board to request to see if any student would be interested in tuition to Gilsum. Ken Dassau noted that this is not possible due to contractual obligations with Nelson. Parent may pay themselves but that is the only way.

**Treasurer**

There are few bills to pay. We have not received the bills from the schools yet. We did get the 2nd quarter billing for superintendent services and we should take care of this within today's manifest. The checks were issued and signed by Stephanie Jacques Kleine. Treasurer Toni Ellsworth requested that next year, the bill should be pushed back so that it will fall within the quarter's fiscal time constraints. Ken suggested that we discuss it as a board and decide. The bills are for: Ken Dassau superintendent services, 7260.00, Brian Gallager business services, 1546.00; Sullivan Trustees of the Trust, 35,000.00; First Student transportation, 10,188.40; Rise for baby and Family preschool services, 2100.00.

Ken Dassau asked about the number of the homeschooled kids to report it to the state

and also help with potential budgeting concerns.

Two deposits were made, \$540.11 for the state and \$5,000 for the deposit on the building.

## **Superintendent**

K. Dassau reported the town tax rate has been set.

The budget season is about to begin. K. Dassau requested that he and Treasurer T. Ellsworth begin to meet to make sure the board is prepared. Tuition rates are voted and set by the receiving districts' school boards. Both Nelson and Keene. We need to wait for them to let us know.

S. Jacques Kleine noted a bit of a disconnect with knowledge about the student population and contacts with family. Town Clerk Mary Hull may be helpful in nailing down a number of students.

There have now been two years of larger kindergarten classes.

## **Other business**

### **Nelson contract**

Stephanie talked with Kelly French and they brought up a yearly meeting between boards and the upcoming contract talks. Kelly suggested a joint meeting in November or December Wednesdays date to be determined to hold a joint meeting.

Each year Nelson school invites its most recent graduates back to tell the school board how Nelson School prepared them for middle school. This will happen on Friday. Most were Sullivan students.

We do not know the status of the Nelson School principal search. Barbara Tremblay will be filling in for the year. J. Prior reports that the staff is very positive about her thus far.

### **Late bus**

We would like to know who is using the late bus by the 20th so that we can make changes in the newsletter to notify the community.

The end of the trial period is nearing, and it is time for us to decide when and if we continue to support it. Should the board ask to leave it on Wednesdays, stop it all together or move the day? Parents are notified by letter and also their schools about the late bus.

K. Dassau suggested a shift in days to see if there is more use.

## **Public comments**

None present.

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** J. Prior MOVED to adjourn. **SECOND:** R. Keene seconded. Voice vote,  
Motion passes.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Prior  
Recording secretary

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