

Sullivan School Board Meeting

Minutes

October 21, 2015

Present

Stephanie Jacques Kleine, Paul Bolduc, Mike Brooks, Malinda Scherpa, Stephanie Milotte
Others Present: Ken Dassau, Toni Ellsworth,

Public visitors: None

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:17pm by Stephanie.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Malinda motioned to approve the minutes from the Board's meeting from September 23rd, 2015. Seconded by Paul. No Discussion. Voice vote: Unanimous
Motion passes and Minutes approved

Budget

The issue of the 2016 -2017 warrant articles was discussed within the Superintendent's Report. (See Below)

The final date of changes to the Warrant needs to be noted. Paul believed it was February 4th.

Superintendent's Report - Ken Dassau

Ken shared a draft copy of the anticipated District Warrant Articles for 2016 -2017. Discussed the different articles and explained the differences with Article 2 and Article 3. (Transfer of Unused Funds and raising and appropriating to the Tuition Expendable Trust)
The MS27 will be reviewed by Business Manager Brian Gallagher to apply the district's financial guidelines.

Stephanie wanted to note that the adequacy money is subtracted from the total budget to establish the actual number.

Toni wondered about the mortgage held on the building. She wondered about potential surpluses being able to be applied to this debt within the current year. Ken thought it would be possible as long as it was in the line item, but would ask Brian to confirm.

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

Voice Vote - Unanimous

Motion Passes

Meeting moved to non-public @ 8:00 PM

Ken discussed a number of students within the district.

Meeting returned to public @ 8:15.

Ken also shared that Property Liability and Trust status is still iffy for next year. He has been contacted by a former employee who is working for a new company that could offer these

services to the Sullivan School District.

Ken presented an official Sullivan School District pen to Board Chair Stephanie to thank her for her efforts as chair.

The issue of a renewal of the Superintendent and Business Manager contracts was discussed. Toni noted the special education services which Ken is qualified to provide and complimented his child focused leadership and strong experience base.

Treasurer's Report - Toni Ellsworth

Cash Flow Analysis

Toni reported meeting with Brian Gallagher to go over the cash flow analysis. One of the significant differences is that auditor desired that expenses should be put in the column when the checks clear the bank. Toni noted the challenges in doing it this way given the frequent delays in having these checks clear.

Stipends

Toni noted that Mary inquired about the yearly stipend for the District Clerk.

- **Motion** to establish the stipend payment for District employees within the month of November. By Malinda Scherpa.
Seconded by Mike Brooks.
Discussion was all agreeable.
Vote Unanimous.
Motion So Passes.

Budgeting

Toni noted that there was an increase in the number of SPED students from last year.

Ken noted that it is wise to at least try to budget for anticipated increases. He noted the potential of Private School, Homeschoolers and Charter Schoolers to move into the public schools.

Stephanie wondered if the 6th graders at Nelson should be budgeted to go to Keene due to the concerns about space at Nelson.

Student numbers at Nelson were discussed.

Toni reviewed the projections that we made last year and compared them to what we see now and noted the increases in the number of referred students.

Manifest

Toni covered the manifest for the month of October.

Payments for the month:

Nelson School District	Title 1	\$583
First Student	Bussing	\$10,788.40

Post

Toni noted that she plans to resign her position as Treasurer in March of 2016. She desired to have a transitional period to hopefully hand this complicated task over smoothly. The board uniformly praised Toni for her work over the past 6 years and complimented her on this difficult job. The board discussed the position for the 2016-2017 year.

Public Comment: None

Upcoming Meetings / Events

Next School Board Meeting November 18th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Stephanie Jacques Kleine motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Paul Bolduc

Meeting closed at 8:42PM

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".