

Sullivan School Board

Public Meeting Minutes

January 6th, 2016

Present

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

Administration: Ken Dassau

Public visitors: Tom Scherpa

Call to Order

Public Hearing called to order at 6:30PM by Stephanie JK.

Warrant

Stephanie JK introduced the warrant and the board publically discussed each article.

Article 1:

- Officers noted.

Article 2:

- Offers the true value of an understanding of our debts and surpluses. Discussion of overspending and the use of the Tuition Reserve account.

Article 3:

- The amount of money appropriated IS NOT the actual amount which is passed onto the town. But the total amount not adjusted for revenue. A true reflection would be to compare the MS27 from last year to this year's. The budget set last year was in the red 200,000 and this year's budget was adjusted to attempt to mitigate repeating this budget shortfall.
- The board discussed some of the itemized budgetary lines and noted the potential possibility of lowering the debt payment for the school (line 5110) if the public is concerned about the proposed budget costs.

Article 4:

- The term "raise and appropriated" is set by the DRA even though this may be confusing. The amount of \$25000 will go to the SPED & Tuition and any surplus beyond this amount could be used towards the school building
- The realities that we used the \$85000 set aside for last year and more toward unforeseen SPED costs reflects the importance of attempting to build up this Trust.
- Article 4 doesn't affect people's' taxes at all, it simply allows the district to move monies if a surplus is noted.

Article 5:

- This article DOES raise and set \$50,000 to be put towards this SPED and Tuition Expendable Trust. It is needed due to the shortfall and lack of a buffer to insulate against any unforeseen tuition/SPED costs.

Article 6:

- Accepting Reports. No discussion

Article 7:

- School Business Ensuing Years. No Discussion.

No further questions or public comments were made.

The public hearing was closed at 7:10 PM

MOTION: Malinda made a motion to **“To approve the School District’s Budget for the 2016 - 2017 calendar year in the amount of \$1,581,590.”** Seconded by Mike.

No further Discussion. Voice Vote Unanimous. Motion Passes.

Adjournment

Paul Bolduc motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Stephanie M.

Meeting closed at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Bolduc

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Bolduc". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.