

Sullivan School Board Meeting
February 5, 2015

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:40 pm by Stephanie.

Present

Stephanie Jacques-Klein ,Paul Bolduc Risa Keene,
Also Present: Ken Dassau

Absent

Melinda Scherpa, Toni Ellsworth

Approval of Minutes

Stephanie motioned to approve the minutes from the Board's meeting from January 7th.
Second by Paul.
Minutes approved

Budget

Board discussed the public budget meeting regarding the town's budget Committee's recommendation to not support the article that would appropriate 50,000 for tuition reserve funds.

Concern. The District could be faced with having a number of new families move into the district with children who require special services or even a child that requires expensive outplacement. These realities could pose some serious challenges to our future budget.

As reviewed in the prior meeting with the town's Budget Committee, the article will remain as stated. When the article is read in our public meeting, efforts will need to be made to make clear to the public the importance of the monies in this line item. The recommended \$50,000 is ideal within our budget parameters, but the importance of having some amount is crucial. The public needs to fully understand the importance of this special reserve fund.

The board discussed the challenge of a deficit budget and what it would mean for not only the school district's budget but also the town's obligations to service our students as well. Stephanie brought up her concern for the numbers of students being quite tight for our proposed budget, even with the knowledge of the known new students moving in.

Superintendent's Report

None given due to the amended agenda.

Treasurer's Report

None given due to the amended agenda

Public Comment

None

Moved to Non-Public

Board moved to executive session with roll call vote to discuss students. @ 9:07pm

Moved to Public

Board moved back into public session @ 9:15

Nelson Principal Search

Paul provided a brief update on the Nelson Principal search committee efforts thus far. He reported an engaged and thoughtful group who is working hard to find the ideal candidate.

Upcoming Meetings

There will be two meetings on the evening Tuesday the 10th of March for the vote and then on Wednesday the 11th we will have the town meeting to vote the articles.

Our next meeting on February 12th we will discuss our presentation for district meeting and fielding of potential questions.

Adjourn

Stephanie motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Paul

Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 9:30.