

Surry School Board Meeting
February 15, 2021

7 PM

- Call to Order 7:05
 - Present – Tim, John, Frank, Caroll, Melinda, Beth; absent Becky, Ken
2. Secretary’s Report – Approval of minutes from Jan. 18, 2021
- Caroll motioned to approve, Frank seconded, Tim abstained
3. Treasurer’s Report
- Manifest – R. Russo
 - Inflow: \$160,000
 - Outflow: -\$15,368.20
 - Net: \$144,631.80
 - Motion to accept: Melinda motion, John second, all in favor

Public Comments

- Bruce brought an update from the Thursday 2/11/21 public budget hearing. Estimated tax rate going to the voters will be \$25.35/thousand. Currently 26th in the state; will take us up to 8th highest tax rate potentially in the state

5. Old Business

- 2021-2022 Budget Update: Caroll submitted the budget. We cut the budget cushion from 12 General/4 Special Ed to 6 General/3 Special Ed, which reduced the bottom line just over \$153,000. We will address the funds in trust at the end of the year if needed.
- Heating/Insulation update: Will have Houghten come and assess the additional heating units and the furnace to determine if we need to replace additional heat units.

6. New Business

- Fire dept is getting a new generator. Tim will ask if we might be able to have/purchase their old one.
- If we need to use the capital reserve at the end of this year, we have to have a public hearing and notice it at least 7 days before the meeting.
- Town meeting is June 10. School meeting will be then as well.

7. Superintendent’s Report

8. Setting the Next Meeting Agenda

- Meeting date: Monday, March 15, 2021 @ 7pm

9. Public Comments

- Beth Leinau asked if a 13-year-old could be the Town Clerk. Katy is not a registered voter. Melinda suggested we could write something up confirming Katy's volunteer time.
- Bruce asked if we would consider spending \$ out of reserves and ask to fill it back up next year by retaining more overage. If we wanted to do that, we would need to submit a warrant article to retain more money at end of this year to provide buffer for next year. Will consider next year if needed.
- Bruce shared that the NH Legislature Education committee was having hearings on two bills. The first bill is to maintain the level of this year's funding next year. They are looking for testimony and support. The second hearing is for SB158, to implement the recommendations of the funding commission.

10. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 if necessary

- Melinda motioned to move into non-public session. Tim second, all in favor
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11. Adjournment 8:20