

Surry School Board Minutes

March 15, 2021

7:00 PM Call to Order

Attending: John Davis, Tim Peloquin, Becky Russo, Beth Leinau, Carroll Lothrop, Ken Dassau; Guest: Bruce Smith

2. Secretary's Report – Approved of minutes March 15, 2021

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Manifest – R. Russo—Approved Outflows of \$12,198.40

4. Public Comments—Bruce explained how state educational aid is set. The figure used for developing the following year's budget is "soft" and based partly on an estimate of what the fund balance will be at the upcoming end of the fiscal year. The legislative body (Town Meeting) sets the budget by majority vote which goes to the DAR shortly after. Board can only spend what is appropriated. In October when tax rate is set, aid is then a firm figure. The fund balance goes back to taxpayers to lower taxes

5. Old Business

a. 2021-2022 Budget Update—no update

b. Heating/Insulation update—SVCS reported the chimney is crumbling, Tim to call the service provider tomorrow for details

6. New Business: None

7. Superintendent's Report—Reported 2 upcoming evaluations

Marlow had the school meeting through four Zoom meetings

8. Setting the Next Meeting Agenda

a. Meeting date: Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 7pm

9. Public Comments—Bruce noticed that full-sized buses at KMS had very few riders Bruce wants to avoid large increases and drops in school budget
HB 38--House has passed, in Senate: if town has 15% change in taxes to be raised, can submit a request for rate adjustment to DAR if there is a fluke event (such as a pandemic), this locks the tax rate for 6 months instead of 12 months

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

All voted to go into Non-public session to discuss student needs and Gary Kenyon's concerns about possible conflict between Town and SSB

11. Adjournment about 8:00 PM