

Surry School Board Minutes October 19, 2020

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order--Board Present: Frank, John, Melinda, Caroll (minutes), Becky, Beth, Ken
Resident: Bruce
2. Secretary's Report--Approval of minutes September 21, 2020—not available
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Manifest--R. Russo—manifest of \$13,885.40 approved unanimously after motion and second, Becky noted \$150 check to Hannah French (post office returned payment twice) was voided and removed from manifest, and First Student double invoiced, so they returned \$11,444.76 over payment
 - b. The Town sends our check for \$150,000 on the first of each month, but Becky does not put it on the manifest until it is deposited
 - c. State funding is about \$89,000 as of today
4. Public Comments—Bruce noted in response to question of bus size last month, he has been seeing smaller busses; Bruce feels the tax rate is erratic due to our contract with Keene, Ken noted that our big budget budget hikes have not been long term
5. Old Business
 - a. Enrollment update--Non public
 - b. Transportation - question is whether we should pay less for smaller buses, 9/25 email from First Student offering 10 equal invoices or billing for “operating days during Covid” (what do they mean by that?), we feel an obligation to help pay for their salary and maintenance expenses
 - c. Heater—will talk next time when Tim is here, was support around updating a classroom heater each year including cutting into wall to bring in outside air
6. New Business: Ken to ask Tim Tuhr will ask administrators to report on how our students are doing, parents can only ask about their own student
7. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Audit--Was done remotely, Ken brought files to Manchester, Becky will get the SBW July 1 balance statement to auditor, that statement required each year
 - b. Community House (Brattleboro) tuition is \$270/day, transportation is \$99/day
 - c. One child no longer needs special services
8. Setting the Next Meeting Agenda
 - a. Meeting date: November 16, 2020 7:00 PM
9. Public Comments—Bruce reported on the work of the School Funding Commission, which our state senator is on; they will have a report in the coming month and a recommendation; the key decision is how to spend the \$3.2B the state allocated to towns
10. Non Public Session RSA 91-A:3—moved by Frank, seconded by Melinda, all voted in favor

- a. Reviewed October 2020 Keene enrollment compared to January 2020 budget which shows:
7 new students, 4 new sped plans for existing students, 19 students not attending (due to homeschooling, private schooling, changing to charter school, moving, not starting school)
 - b. Discussed a student whose legal residence is Surry, but with Keene parent who filled out Keene address on school forms, decided to leave it as is
- Voted to come out of Non Public

11. Adjournment 8:10 PM