

Surry School Board

Meeting Minutes • September 16, 2024

7 PM

Members in Attendance: Timothy Peloquin, Chair, John Davis, Caroll Lothrop, Frank Buffum, Melinda Garland, Rebecca Russo – Treasurer, Liz Swan and Bruce Smith Residents, Kim Caron, Superintendent

Call to order 7:05PM

Secretary's Report - Approval of minutes. July 15, 2024 and August 19, 2024 minutes to be approved at the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits: \$76,664.77, Outflow: \$10,143.86

Caroll asked why there was an invoice for Tucker Transportation. We are required to provide transportation for a child who has summer school. Caroll made a motion to accept the manifest for \$10,143.86, Frank seconded, all in favor

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- SVCS update: The school received a quote to have the trailer removed, however it was cost-prohibitive. They let Kim know that they would be exploring other options Lease will be reviewed in non-public.
- DOE 25 /MS 25 is ready for signature; was signed
- Policy BEGD: Minutes - second reading. John made a motion to approve policy BEGD, Tim seconded, no discussion, all in favor.
- Policy CBA: Administrative Organization - second reading. John made a motion to approve policy CBA, Tim seconded, no discussion, all in favor.
- Policy Categories A through L - second reading. Kim explained that these define the policy relationship between Surry as a sending district and Keene or other as receiving. John made a motion to approve policy categories A through L, Melinda seconded, no discussion, all in favor.
- Policy JFA: Student Residency - first reading.
- Policy JFAB: Non-Resident Students - first reading. Caroll noted concerns about accountability if families don't move into town within a reasonable time frame and suggested that the policy include some requirement that the family is liable for the tuition if they don't meet a three month timeframe.

7:30pm, Melinda made a motion to temporarily close the meeting for the public hearing; John seconded; all in favor.

8:12PM Tim made a motion to reopen the meeting, Melinda seconded, all in favor

Tim made a motion to accept the AREA agreement for grade 6, John seconded, all in favor

Tim made a motion to accept the AREA agreement for grades 7-8, John seconded, all in favor

Tim made a motion to accept the AREA agreement for grades 9-12, John seconded, all in favor

The board decided to save the rest of the new business for next month, which includes first readings of policies: JCA, BEDA, BEDB, BEDC.

Superintendent's report: The intention is to post the policies to the Town website; the categories will be helpful for that. The last category is category M, which may include other district documents such as information about the formation of the district, AREA agreements, etc.

Public comment: Bruce Smith is glad that the financial reports were signed this evening

Non-public session RSA 91-A:3

Tim made a motion to move into non-public at 8:19pm. John seconded, all in favor

In non-public, additional questions from manifest were addressed about a specific student, and payment for worker's comp insurance, which is required, and also covers board members.

The board also reviewed attorney advice and contracts. The draft of the Surry Village Charter School lease has been distributed to the Board for review and includes some updates to lines 16-18 and 205-207. Melinda made a motion to approve the SVCS lease in final draft form and have Superintendent (Kim) send to Sue at the charter school. John seconded, all in favor

Discussion around a facilities assessment. Members of the school board and SVCS did a walk through of the school building with a vendor and determined that a facilities assessment would provide a good baseline for maintenance needed. The cost varies depending on the scope of the assessment, which still needs to be determined.

Melinda made a motion to have Kim develop a scope doc for a cost assessment and to get quotes from three vendors. John seconded, all in favor.

Furnace room: John had Houghton and Mike Abbott come to help develop a maintenance list for the school furnace room. Houghton suggested considering propane boilers in the future.

Melinda made a motion to move out of non-public at 8:47 pm. Frank seconded, all in favor

Tim made a motion to close the meeting at 8:48pm. John seconded, all in favor