

Surry School Board Minutes

January 16, 2023

1. Call to Order Attending: Kim, Becky, Frank, John, Caroll (minutes), Jessica Howard

2. Secretary's Report –Approval of minutes December 19, 2022: Not available

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Manifest–R. Russo—Bus bill is still under discussion

Added Keene's 2022 adjustment to fall 2022 bill

Manifest--\$965,839.90 John moved, Frank seconded, all voted to approve

4. Public Comments—Tim explained our district history: We tuition students to Keene, which is in the Cooperative District which required a unanimous vote of other towns in the Cooperative District to allow us to join, Cooperative District get superintendent services from SAU 29.

We are in Keene's AREA which gives us a discount on tuition in exchange for a 20-year agreement.

We have learned to address special needs in the preschool years.

We don't have employees, Kim, Julie and Nathan are contractors.

The Surry School District is separate from the Town of Surry and separate from the Surry Village Charter School.

We give back any leftover funds at the end of the year to lower the following year's tax rate.

We found re-starting the Surry School was too expensive, it would cost as much as sending K-12 to Keene.

The School Board's job it to oversee the business end of providing an education to Surry children.

5. Old Business

a. Heating/Insulation update--No update

b. SVCS and chimney—no update

c. Enrollment update—Caroll is working on this for the 2023-24 budget preparation

d. Spring semester bill (status)--not received

e. First Student billing—discussed by Treasurer

f. Student tuition (non-public)--see non-public below

6. New Business

a. Annual meeting—March 16, 7 pm, Surry Facebook announced 6:30 start in error, Wheelock School is well organized and provides timely notices to families

b. 2023/2024 budget preparation--Caroll will meet with Town Budget Committee and present school budget at joint town/school budget hearing, both in February

7. Superintendent's Report—Kim has regular meetings with Julie (sped ed) and Nathan (accounting)

Julie is doing a great job with updating our sped ed roster

The annual audit is done, there is an issue with our tracking how the the IDEA federal grant for spec ed is expended, we need to include it in our budget, Kim knows a volunteer who has extensive experience working with NH Ed officials, he will set up a tracking system for Nathan.

We did get \$3600 NH grant for extraordinary needs this year, (based on free & reduce lunch numbers), unlikely to get it next year

Julie is working to see if Medicaid reimbursement for special needs is worth the effort cont.

8. Motion to go into Non-Public Session—Tim moved, Frank seconded, all approved
Nathan not doing anything because Becky hadn't sent contract to him, to ask him to provide monthly report of is in left in budget and how much has been spent. Caroll to ask Brian how he managed our budget to share with Nathan.

504 is part of the 1973 Civil Rights Act—funding for issues that created major inability to learn
Special Education Act (49-142)--reimbursement if child with disability needs treatment
Individual Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Conversation about specific children

Motion to come out of Non-Public and Adjourn—moved Frank, seconded Tim, all approved.

9. Setting the Next Meeting Agenda

a. Meeting date: Monday, February 20, 2023@ 7 pm

Adjourned 8:05 PM