Surry School Board
Meeting Minutes 2/17/25

Present: Tim, Becky, John, Kim, Bruce Smith, Kyle Barker & Jason LaComb (Barker Assoc.)

6:30 PM Hearing with Barker Assoc.:
They will evaluate building envelope (roof, windows, walls) finishes, mechanical systems, non-invasive assessment inside and outside
Dept Ed checklist includes life safety codes, handicapped codes, homeland security codes
Codes are not grandfathered, but enforced through lawsuits, SSB liable if codes not followed
We need a handicapped bathroom, 2nd access from hall and asbestos assessment
We can suggest needs, ask SVCS for suggestions, ask Select Board and others for suggestions
Voters would need to approve the plan
Report will provide: must have items, should consider items, could do items
Report will show all work done in one year, could bond it
Work done over several years will be more expensive (inflation is higher than bond interest)
Could do work room-by-room, each room has different needs
Cost of doing nothing can be more than expensive than renovation
Can occupy building during construction
Grants available for energy work
Use as an emergency shelter would be too expensive (requires showers, kitchen, etc.) but a warming shelter would be less expensive
April 12-25 Barker Assoc. will visit building (SVCS to be informed, is vacation week)
May SSB meeting--they will present plan
Caroll moved, John second: SSB agrees to contract for $13,000. All in favor. Contract signed. During renovation, Kim will the decision-maker with John's help, for any clarification the contractor needs.

2. Secretary's Report—to review next time
3. Treasurer's Report—Caroll moved, John second, to pay manifest of $33,367.03. All in favor.
4. Public--Bruce noted that SSB returned $302,000 last year which was closer than some other years; if the budget estimated a return of $169,418 instead of $75,000, we would be even with last year
5. Old Business: 2025-26 Budget and Warrant. Motion by Tim, second by John to approve budget as presented. All in favor. Warrant signed. Tim noted state reimbursement fluctuates.
   John moved, Tim second to adopt the following policies for second reading. All in favor.
   - Policy KA. School, family and communcity partnerships
   - Policy KEB. Public complaints
   - Policy BEDH. Public participation at school board meetings
   - Policy EEA. Student transportation
6. New Business: 2023-2024 audit—auditor had no concerns, manifests for Oct & Dec 2024 missing, Kim to reproduce and get signed
7. Superintendent's Report: Julie wants to use Pandadoc software for emailing student IEPs and evals, Cost about $500, maybe can be split with Sullivan
   Julie and Kim are doing a study of our special education expenses in Keene, 3-4 year look back
8. Next meeting agenda Match 17, 2025, 7:00 PM
9. Public Comment—none
10. Tim moved, John second to go into non-public session, all in favor. Discussed student enrollment.
Tim moved, John second to come out of non-public session. All in favor. Adjourned 8:15 PM.