

Surry School Board Minutes

Date: Monday, June 16, 2025

Attending: John, Frank, Tim, Carol (minutes), Julie, Bruce, Nicole (SVCS)

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM
2. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3
7:01 PM John moved, Frank seconded, all approved to go into Non-public to discuss enrollment
 - a. Julie provided special education update: we have 18 sped students, 1 CVCS student will go to Keene in fall, 1 student will be exited from sped services
John moved, Frank seconded, all approved to come out of Non-public at 7:39 PM.
3. Secretary's Report – Approved 5/19 minutes, need to approve April minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Manifest: town payments are up to date—SVCS bill was higher because Keene provided remote sped services since SVCS no longer could, Carol moved, John seconded, all approved payment of \$35,685.11
 - b. Budget status report--state aid was over estimated, will likely be \$376,000 for 25-26
5. Public Comment--none
6. Old Business
 - a. Special education tuition study update—Carol moved, Tim seconded, all approved to open the elementary contract for sped with Keene, 1 student was miscategorized as sped, Keene will refund
 - b. SVCS and special education licensure update—SVCS sped costs about \$300 more per child taught by Keene, teacher costs \$54/hr, divided by number of children served in group, this month there was state proctor, if student is not making progress, may increase service, DOE says SVCS cannot be site for licensure training because it does not provide full range of experience in sped, SVCS middle school teacher will have licensing, SVCS needs to get a licensed elementary teacher
 - c. SVCS billing update—transition of bookkeepers found we were over charged \$1300, will be corrected
 - d. Surry school building assessment project update—will ask architects to come to July meeting
 - e. Other—Adult bathroom sink contains lead, may only need a new faucet, could get grant reimbursement or split cost with SVCS, we approve SVCS to paint 1-2 classroom a soft green
7. New Business
 - a. Medicaid to Schools project—available to all districts but cannot be for educational support, has to be eligible for Medicaid and have a doctor's prescription for medically necessary OT, PT, Speech, and behavioral needs, our costs reimbursed at 90%
 - b. Student transportation contract—Keene got a better contract offer from Student Transportation of America than First Student. First Student's service had declined markedly this past year. Our attorney reviewed the contract. Frank moved, John seconded, all approved to contract with STA for \$150,000 (slightly higher than last year). Our questions for contract: what about fuel cost fluctuation, is fuel paid once a year, what if they go out of business? We use Keene's bus policy. Tim to send an announcement to Select Board for the town newsletter about the bus company change.
 - c. New drawdown calculation for the town—Jodie calculated the drawdown for 25-26
 - d. Synopsis of SY 2024-2025.

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II(a) contracts--8:13 PM Frank moved, Carol seconded, all approved to go into Non-public to discuss contracts for 25-26.

- e. Special education director contract salary raised to \$19,000

- f. Business administrator contract salary level funded at \$12,500
 - g. Superintendent contract salary raised to \$21,500, contract no longer to be renegotiated annually
Frank moved, John seconded, all approved these salaries for the 2025-26 year.
 - h. State Law requires the Board to evaluate the Superintendent, a form for this was provided
8:30 PM Tim moved, John seconded, all approved to end Non-public
 - i. Tim will send the minutes from the spring AREA meeting, the dropout rate for sped students is 26%
- 8. Superintendent's Report—provided in writing
 - 9. Setting the Next Meeting Agenda
 - a. Meeting date: Monday, July 21, 2025 @ 7:00pm
 - 10. Public Comment--None
 - 11. Adjournment 8:33 PM