

Surry School Board
Meeting Minutes

Date Monday, August 19, 2024

Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Attending: Tim, Becky, John, Jodi, Frank, Bruce (guest)

Secretary's Report—next time

Treasurer's Report—Frank moved, John seconded to approve manifest as presented, in the amount of \$1487.00, all vote in favor. Keene refunded \$1800 we were overcharged for tuition for student who left

Public Comments—Bruce said the DRA adjusts sales as assessed value vs price paid to achieve proportionality and equalized value for 234 municipalities. Our property values have not kept up with enrollment, we do have some revenue from timber sales.

Old Business—SVCS heating: Houghton has a plan: need a chimney, put a fan unit in the big room, need roof top units, we need 600 amp service or change the boiler to propane with roof top units

AREA Agreement: we need to hold a public hearing on this—to be September meeting, Caroll to post notice in Sentinel

Record-keeping update: Sarah is digitizing all our manifests and invoices

Second readings:

Policy AA District Legal Status—motion to accept—John, second Frank, all voted in favor

Policy AC Non-discrimination—motion to accept—Frank, second John, all voted in favor

Policy JFABD Homeless students—motion to accept John, seconded Frank, all voted in favor. Keene gets federal money for Title 1 because we don't have a school, our homeless liaison is Keene

Other—Jodi says accounting is going well, grant reporting is up to date, waiting for auditor's trial balances to submit DOE 25, Kim has requested this from the auditors kindly

New Business—First readings:

Policy BEGD—right to know law requires us to record why we are entering into non-public session, can record such as "special education update" and would not have to seal the minutes

Policy CBA—Administrative Organization—we hire, Kim directs: Executive Officer—Kim, Business, Mgr—Jodi, Sped Director—Julie

Policy Categories A through L—categories to organize policies such as A: Foundation & Legal, B: Board Governance, C: General School Administration, etc.

School Energy Efficiency Grant—for small school districts, is a 5-15% match, Kim will watch for other grants, Patrick was willing to look at the building but agreed a school building expert was better, we have an asbestos issue, we need new roof trusses or to shore them up, other local commercial inspectors: Hamblet (electrical), Melanson, Houghton (has done 3 jobs at school), motion by Tim, seconded by Caroll to direct Kim to explore companies to analyze the building needs, especially for heat, all voted in favor

Superintendent's Report—Julie and attorney approved Child Find language. Kim to ask Melinda to post to SSB website and notice about public hearing on AREA
New Invoice timelines are working well for board and Sarah

8:17 motion—Frank, second—John: to go into non-public session to discuss attorney advice, all voted in favor

8:25 motion—Frank, second—John come out of non-public session, all voted in favor

Non-Public Session Minutes—Discussed change to Superintendent contract and Surry School lease

8:27 adjourned