

Surry School District Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025

Call to Order 7:10 pm. Carroll, Frank, John, Tim, Melinda, Becky, Kim present.

Secretary's Report

Approval of Oct. minutes. Tim moved, all in favor. Frank, Melinda abstained

- **Treasurer's Report**

First semester Keene tuition bill. Reviewed by Carroll and Kim; bill is accurate.

One student was missed for the last two years – Keene said we only need to pay 1 year.

- Deposits: \$197,984.28; Outflows: \$1,048,652.66 including \$972,359.13 KSD bill.

- Carroll moved to approve the manifest of \$1,048,652.66; Frank seconded.

All in favor

- Budget status report. Jodie and Kim reviewed it over the weekend; projecting that we will finish around \$70k or so to the good on the expense side. The state decreased adequacy, and we have had some other unexpected expenses.

Public Comment

Bruce asked if Tim will be on the budget committee again this year, which Tim confirmed. Bruce talked about the problem with the Claremont school district; read paragraph from article that Ethan Dewitt write.

Old Business

Surry School Renovation Project

- **Public Meeting Series:** Meeting on Thursday. In paper last Sat; posted to Surry town schedule – notices at Town Hall and SVCS/Surry school building; sent out in town newsletter.
 - **Project presentation.** Board endorsed the Powerpoint unanimously, requested Kim give presentation. Presentation will be given followed by public comment.
 - **Building Repair Compliance Work FY 25-26.** Kim presented a compliance budget, to be drawn from the expendable trust fund for \$10k (architect consultation), \$5k (legal), \$15k (electrical/custodial closet work), \$35k (ADA compliance work). This work would include a handicap accessible bathroom, stone in the parking lot and exits to make it more wheelchair accessible, an automatic opening entrance door, and a move of the

custodial sink to a space near the boiler room and away from the electric panel. Tim made motion to approve the building repair and compliance work conceptually, and that the Superintendent is able to move forward with this work while the Board works to remove dollars from the fund. John seconded. All in favor.

- **Building Repair Budget FY 26-27:** Proposed \$15k Architectural consultation, \$5k legal fees, additional ADA compliance work, \$30k community room work, \$100k heating and ventilation. This would be some of the work planned/would reduce the amount we ask for with the renovation warrant. We will seek out grants for safety repairs (and ask SVCS if they are willing to do the same). For discussion, we will consider at next month's meeting.
- **SVCS building maintenance:** SVCS is applying for grant money to do some pipe repairs/replace faucet/s in kitchen related to lead issue
- **Draft warrants FY 26-27:**
 - School Renovation Warrant – the board discussed and generally felt that it would be better to have a warrant than to add it to the budget; the request will be for \$\$ for building repairs during the FY 26-27 budget
 - School Building Trust Warrant – the board decided against a school building trust warrant at this point
- **SVCS Board Meeting 11/19/25** – Tim and Kim will attend the SVCS board meeting on the 19th to discuss and bring them up to speed on what the school board has been doing and is planning for this project, hope to build a collaborative approach to reduce the local cost as much as we can for the voters of Surry
- **Consulting Architect Agreement.** Agreement drafted and reviewed by attorney. Barker gets \$150/hr for their services, not to exceed \$15,000 for the remainder of the 25-26 school year, unless further payment is authorized by the School Board. Can be continued, based on mutual consent, for next year as well. Tim made motion to accept Barker Architects as consulting architect for SSD for \$150/hr, not to exceed \$15,000 for the remainder of the school year, renewable by mutual consent.

Policy IHBA: Programs for Students with Disabilities Second Reading. Frank made motion to approve Policy IHBA to approve it; Melinda seconded. All in favor.

FERPA update: Policy reworded to authorize us to give the most basic information only for directory. Caroll made a motion to approve updates; Tim seconded; all in favor

New Business

- **Revised drawdown:** Jodie revised the drawdown; advised the town. Was adopted with this month's payment.
- **RSA 189:76 Mandatory Report to Voters:** Kim talking with legal counsel to understand how we can meet the requirements of the law as we don't have our own school.
- AREA Planning Committee (K-5): table to next month

Other

- Setting the next monthly meeting date: Monday, December 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Public Comment:

Bruce suggests a conditional warrant article, to allow the trust fund to be replenished with some % of the surplus. Becky noted that we could also ask that the surplus pay down the bond.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 if necessary: Frank made motion to go into non-public at 8:29pm. Melinda seconded. All in favor.

Discussed student enrollment changes and a legal conversation.

Tim motion to move out of non-public at 9:17. Frank seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment: 9:18pm