

**ALBANY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

PRESENT: Board Members Joe Ferris and Timothy Sorgi. Also present were Lilli Gilligan (Dir. of Budget/Finance) and Kevin Richard (Superintendent). The meeting was held in the Albany Town Hall. Julie Edmonds was present in the audience.

(1) Chair Ferris called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING on 2020-21 Proposed Budget – Kevin Richard and Lilli Gilligan reviewed the proposed budget of \$1,832,727 as well as the warrant articles. Questions were asked and answered. The hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

(2) Approval of Minutes (1-14-20) – **Tim Sorgi moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020; the motion was seconded by Joe Ferris and passed 2-0-0.**

(3) Comments

(A) Public – none

(B) Board Member – none

(4) Signing of Checks and Manifest – The manifest was signed as presented.

(5) Business Affairs

(A) Attendance at Meetings – Joe (2) and Tim (2).

(B) Vote on Warrant Articles

ARTICLE 5. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,832,727 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board 2-0-0)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund (Special Education), previously established for this purpose. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board 1-1-0)

Tim Sorgi was not in support of the \$15,000 to be raised and appropriated because there is another warrant article for \$58,341 to add to the sp. ed. reserve fund in article 8. He felt that the \$15,000 should be put into a warrant article next year. Joe Ferris responded that the School District of Albany should really have a \$200,000 balance in the sp. ed. capital reserve fund; and if we add the \$58,341 from the tuition trust fund that is being discontinued to the current balance of

\$52,375, that will give us a balance of \$110,716 – and that is insufficient should an unanticipated sp. ed. need arise as it did two or three years ago. Joe feels strongly that the \$15,000 was still needed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the Tuition Trust Fund (Expendable Trust Fund) created in 2003. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the School Board 2-0-0)

ARTICLE 8. Should Article 7 pass, to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,341 to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This sum to come from the June 30 general fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the School Board 2-0-0)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the School District will vote to establish a Cooperative School District Planning Committee in accordance with RSA 195:18 comprised of three (3) members (at least one shall be a member of the Albany School Board) appointed by the School District Moderator. (Recommended by the School Board 2-0-0)

- (C) Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms – The forms were signed as presented.
- (6) Superintendent’s Report – The SAU Executive Board will meet on February 27th at 5:30 p.m. and the full SAU Board will meet at 6:00.
- (7) Any Other Business
 - (A) Set Date for Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on April 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the Albany Town Hall. The annual school district meeting is on March 10th at 7:00 p.m.
 - (B) Consider First Reading of Policy DAF (Administration of Federal Funds) – Joe Ferris moved to approve the policy on first reading. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed 2-0-0. The second reading will take place at the next meeting.
- (8) Public Comments – none
- (9) Nonpublic Session – none
- (10) **Tim Sorgi moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Ferris and passed 2-0-0 at 6:23 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard
Superintendent of Schools