

Albany School Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

5:30 pm

Remote meeting via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95666989756?pwd=VmRubDFhSjhvQ3NPa0M1am1PUG9TUT09>

Meeting ID: 956 6698 9756

Board Members present - Tim Sorgi and Dan Bianchino. Also in attendance: Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Lilli Gilligan (SAU 9), Chuck and Anne Merrow.

- I. Call to Order - Chair Tim Sorgi called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes (11-10-20) - Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Tim Sorgi, to approve the minutes. Minutes of the meeting were approved. **Roll call vote: Tim Sorgi-yes, Dan Bianchino-yes (2-0-0).**
- III. Comments
 - A. Public - No public comments
 - B. Board Member - none
- IV. Signing of the Manifests - Board members will sign the documents electronically.
- V. Business Affairs
 - A. Attendance at Meetings - Tim Sorgi-6, Dan Bianchino-2
 - B. Review 1st Draft of 2021-22 Proposed Budget-Kevin Richard reviewed the proposed budget for the school board. Member of the public Chuck Merrow had some questions regarding the costs related to the tuition charges to the sending towns. The revenue lines were explained noting that the adequacy amount has dropped significantly in all districts across the state. Tax rate information is an estimate and should be discussed within the context of estimation.
 - C. Review 1st Draft of Proposed Warrant Articles-
 - Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Tim Sorgi to place the amount of \$1,906,617 on Article 5 for the operating budget. **Roll call vote: Tim Sorgi-yes, Dan Bianchino-yes (2-0-0).**
 - Tim Sorgi made a motion, seconded by Dan Bianchino to remove Article 6 from the warrant as this account has \$125,721 for the purpose of special

education capital reserve fund. **Roll call vote: Tim Sorgi-yes, Dan Bianchino-yes (2-0-0).**

VI. Superintendent's Report - Kevin Richard updated the school board on the current COVID-19 conditions and the process for quarantining staff and students. Kevin also discussed Conway School Board's decision to replace the windows at Kennett High School. They have put an article on their warrant to bond the \$1.3 million dollar project. Sending towns must be notified 4 months in advance by tuition contract agreement. Tim Sorgi mentioned that the notification did not meet the 4 month deadline.

VII. Other Business -

A. Next meeting-(February 9, 2021-5:30 pm Board Meeting and Budget Hearing) This meeting will be remote.

B. Format of Annual Meeting- Kevin asked the board about the format of the annual school district meeting in lieu of COVID-19. There are a number of logistical issues if the meeting is remote or hybrid. There is concern about having a facility big enough for the annual meeting. Tim Sorgi will speak to the selectmen and moderator Ed Alkaly.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dan Bianchino, seconded by Tim Sorgi. Roll call vote. **Tim Sorgi-yes, Dan Bianchino-yes.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Richard
Superintendent of Schools