

**Albany School Board
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022
6:30 pm
Albany Town Hall**

Board Members present - Tim Sorgi, Curtis Coleman and Dan Bianchino (remote). Also in attendance: Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Anne Merrow school district treasurer.

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by Chair Tim Sorgi.

- II. Approval of Minutes (11-9-21) -
Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Tim Sorgi, to approve the minutes of November 9th . Minutes of the 11-9-21 meeting were approved. **Roll call vote: Tim Sorgi-yes, Dan Bianchino-yes, Curtis Coleman-abstain(2-0-1).**

- III. Comments
 - A. Public - None
 - B. Board Member - None

- IV. Signing of the Checks and Manifest - Documents were reviewed by Treasurer Merrow prior to signing.

- V. Business Affairs
 - A. Attendance at Meetings - Tim Sorgi- (24), Dan Bianchino-(10), Curtis Coleman (4)

 - B. Review 1st Draft of 2022-23 Proposed Budget- Kevin Richard presented the board with a document that explained the tuition contract with Conway inclusive of the five year enrollment (ADM), Equalized Valuation, and school tax rates for the town of Albany. The tuition rates have changed annually as expected, but there was a decline in enrollment at Kennett Middle School which increased the per pupil cost.

The budget was reviewed line by line. Curtis Coleman discussed the need to look at health insurance through a different perspective and seek out resources and information as the plans have evolved tremendously and school districts need to evolve in the approach as well. There was discussion about the need to increase the legal/professional line in anticipation of legal council needs related to cooperative school districts or other school constructs. The board decided not to increase the line for next year.

The school board recommended moving the budget to the warrant.

C. Review 1st Draft of Proposed Warrant Articles- Chair Sorgi read through the Warrant Articles one through five.

Article 6

Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to place the amount of \$1,712,823 on Article 6 for the support of schools and statutory obligations.

Roll call vote Dan Bianchino-yes, Curtis Coleman-yes, Tim Sorgi- yes (3-0)

Article 7

Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to place the amount of \$15,000 on Article 7 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund (Special Education). Kevin Richard explained that the current balance is \$126,187 and that the recommendation for a town the size of Albany should try to increase to \$250,000 over time.

Roll call vote Dan Bianchino-yes, Curtis Coleman-yes, Tim Sorgi- yes (3-0)

VI. Superintendent's Report -

Kevin Richard updated the school board on the current COVID-19 conditions and the incremental changes to the procedures and protocols for the district. The COVID numbers in the school and community are at the highest level since the pandemic began. Pine Tree Elementary School is now in RED meaning that increased mitigation measures are in place. Staffing is a considerable concern in most schools, but the goal is to keep students in face to face learning.

The tuition calculations for the upcoming budget will be coming out shortly and budget development in Conway is under way. The fact that Conway had a fund balance of \$3.6 million this year is a good thing this year, but could be problematic in future years with regard to stability of the tax rate.

VII. Other Business -

A. FYI- 2022-23 School Calendar

The calendar was adopted by the entire SAU 9 School Board in December

B. MWV Cooperative School District-

Tim Sorgi provided an overview of the Cooperative meetings so far. The next meeting will take place on January 26th at 6:00 pm. Attorney Upton will be

present to help facilitate the decision making of whether to pursue a cooperative school district or not.

- C. Set Date/Time for Budget Hearing (February 8, 2022, 5:30 pm)
- D. Set Time for School District Meeting on March 8, 2022 (7:00 pm)

VIII. Public Comments-None

- X. Nonpublic Session-RSA 91-A:3 II (student issue)- A motion to go into non-public was made by Dan Bianchino, seconded by Tim Sorgi at 7:59 pm. Roll call vote. **Roll call vote Dan Bianchino-yes, Curtis Coleman-yes, Tim Sorgi- yes (3-0)**

The public meeting was called back to order at 8:02 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dan Bianchino, seconded by Curtis Coleman.

Roll call vote Dan Bianchino-yes, Curtis Coleman-yes, Tim Sorgi- yes (3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Richard
Superintendent of Schools