

**Albany School Board
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022
5:30 pm
Albany Town Hall**

Board Members present - Tim Sorgi, Curtis Coleman and Dan Bianchino. Also in attendance: Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Tim Eldridge (Eldridge Transportation) and Anne Merrow-public.

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Tim Sorgi.

- II. Approval of Minutes (6-14-22) - Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Tim Sorgi, to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022. Minutes of the 6-14-22 meeting were approved. **Vote (2-0-1 Curtis Coleman abstaining).**

- 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-2 (5), Dan Bianchino-2(5), Curtis Coleman-1(2)

 - B. Consider Request from Eldridge Transportation-
Tim Eldridge reviewed his written request to the Albany School Board to consider adding a clause to the transportation contract that would cover fuel costs that exceed \$5.00/gallon. Mr. Eldridge provided financial projections based upon annual miles and fuel costs per gallon.

The previous transportation contract with Maclver Transportation did have a clause in the contract for fuel costs beyond \$2.50/gallon.

The School Board discussed the matter and Tim Sorgi made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to honor the request by Eldridge Transportation to cover fuel costs beyond the \$5.00/gallon. **Vote (3-0)**

C. FYI - Summary of Expenses and Receipts for 2021-22

D. Update of Fund Balance from 6/30/2022

Superintendent Richard reviewed the end of the year fund balance with the School Board including the actual expenses and revenues. There was some savings in the area of special education and specialized transportation that accounted for the unexpended funds. There was a minor increase in State Aid for Charter School students (\$3,990).

The total ending fund balance for the Albany School District was \$106,377. This money will be used to offset taxes.

VI. Superintendent's Report -

A. Update on ESSER Funds-

Kevin Richard updated the School Board on the Albany ESSER II & III COVID-19 federal funds. Albany has \$2,190 in ESSER II and \$4,925 in ESSER III. Albany students receive many services already through Conway COVID funds. The funds have to be COVID related and cannot be used to supplant the school budget. At this time there is no specific need for these funds. Communication will be sent out to Albany school families to see if there is a need that these funds could be used for.

Kevin also reviewed the opening of school and summer programming for all students. The schools are open to the public and it is nice to have families back in to the schools. All schools in Conway have gone through ALICE training provided by the Conway Police Department. ALICE training is to help staff and students address an active "shooter" who is going to do harm. Kevin praised the police department for their work with the schools. The Kennett High School window project has been completed and the project was well done. Kevin was informed that Kennett High School was awarded a \$100,000 SAFE grant to address safety issues at the high school. All of the schools in SAU 9 underwent school safety assessment in March which helped to secure the monies for the upgrades.

VII. Other Business -

A. Next Meeting (November 8, 2022 at 5:30 pm)

B. Consider Establishing a KHS Tuition Study Committee

An update was provided by Dan Bianchino about the last collective meeting with all of the school districts that are currently engaged in the tuition contracts. The meeting was held to discuss a Joint Management Agreement (JMA) with attorney Matt Upton. At this time Conway has not decided whether to consider a JMA with the sending towns. The last meeting did not have the authorization of school boards to formalize the process. Other districts are creating school board committees to act in a more official capacity.

The School Board discussed forming a committee. Tim Sorgi referenced the Albany School Options Committee and expects that committee to make a recommendation to the Albany School Board in the future. No action taken regarding forming a committee but there is interest in attending future meetings with the other school districts.

VIII. Public Comments-None

X. Nonpublic Session-RSA 91-A:3 II - None

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

Vote: (3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. R.', with a small dot at the end of the second letter.

Kevin Richard
Superintendent of Schools