

Albany School Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024
5:30 pm
Albany Town Hall

Board Members present - Tim Sorgi, Curtis Coleman and Dan Bianchino . Also in attendance: Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Dr. Aimee Frechette (SAU 9) Public: Anne Merrow

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Chair Sorgi at 5:32 pm
2. Approval of Minutes (11-15-23)- Curtis Coleman made a motion, seconded by Dan Bianchino to approve the minutes. **Vote (3-0)**
3. Comments
 - A. Public-None
 - B. Board Member-None
4. Signing of Checks and Manifest
5. Business Affairs-
 - A. Recommend 2024-25 Proposed Budget

Kevin Richard reviewed the operating budget along with a history of Average Daily Membership (ADM) and Equalized Evaluation that impact the tuition calculations. The per pupil costs for all sending towns was distributed. Kevin also went over the increases and decreases to special education. There was discussion about increasing the legal services line due to negotiations for a new tuition contract. The proposed budget is \$1,372,511.
 - B. Recommend 2024-25 Warrant Articles

Tim Sorgi reviewed the Warrant Articles. Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to place the amount of \$1,372,511 on **Article 5** as the proposed budget. **Vote (3-0-0)**

There was discussion about placing money on **Article 6** to raise money for the Capital Reserve Special Education Fund. Curtis Coleman made a motion seconded by Dan Bianchino to place \$15,000 on Article 6. **Vote (3-0-0)**

Tim Sorgi made a motion, seconded by Dan Bianchino to place the following on **Article 7** *"To see if the residents of Albany will vote in favor of notifying the Conway School District to terminate the grades 7-8 tuition agreement that expires in June, 2027. This would provide the three year notice as required in the*

existing tuition agreement with Conway. This article is advisory only and is non-binding.” **Vote (3-0-0)**

Tim Sorgi made a motion, seconded by Dan Bianchino to place the following on **Article 8** *“To see if the residents of Albany will vote in favor of notifying the Conway School District to terminate the grades 9-12 tuition agreement that expires in June, 2027. This would provide the three year notice as required in the existing tuition agreement with Conway. This article is advisory only and is non-binding.”* **Vote (3-0-0)**

6. Superintendent’s Report

Kevin Richard stated that there are several administrative search committees currently in place for the Pine Tree Principal, Kennett Middle School Principal, MWV Career and Technical Center Director and Superintendent of Schools positions. Curtis Coleman is the Albany School Board representative to the Superintendent search committee.

7. Any Other Business

- A. Set time for School District Meeting (March 12, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.)
- B. Set Date/Time for Budget Hearing (February 13, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.)

Tim Sorgi provided an update on negotiations with Conway for the elementary school tuition agreement. Things are moving along and a DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding was sent to Conway for review.

8. Public Comments- None

9. Nonpublic Session – RSA 91-A:3 II

10. Adjournment - Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to adjourn the meeting . **Vote (3-0)**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm