

ALBANY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Albany Town Hall.

Minutes

In attendance: Curtis Coleman, Dan Bianchino, Tim Sorgi, Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Pam Stimpson (SAU 9). Public: Sara Young Knox.

1. Call to Order-Chair Sorgi called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and opened the public hearing on the budget.

PUBLIC HEARING on 2024-25 Proposed Budget

Superintendent Kevin Richard reviewed the articles on the school warrant beginning with the operating budget. The overall budget is down approximately 20% over the previous year. This reduction is mainly due to the drop in enrolled students in the Conway Schools. The Kennett High School and Middle school bond payments are done as well.

Sara Young Knox asked about homeschooled students and is there accountability for those students. Kevin responded that there is little accountability for students who are homeschooled. The State of NH does not require any oversight or for the family to report to the local school district.

Tim Sorgi asked about the transportation costs being higher than he expected. Kevin explained that the bus contract with Eldridge transportation does not include the Passaconaway Road portion of Albany. There is an agreement with Conway to pick up those students at a cost of approximately \$4,200.

Tim Sorgi read the remaining warrant articles to the public.

The public hearing was closed at 5:47.

2. Approval of Minutes (1.9.24)- Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to approve the minutes. Vote (3-0).

3. Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board Member

4. Signing of Checks and Manifest- signed

5. Business Affairs- None

A. Vote on Warrant Articles- No revisions to previous votes.

B. Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms- signed

6. Superintendent's Report-

There is an SAU 9 school board meeting on Thursday Feb 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The superintendent search is underway. The 2nd annual STEM Expo will be taking place on March 20th at the Living Shores Aquarium. Over 100 students will be participating and the event is open to the public.

7. Any Other Business

A. Set Date for Next Meeting (April 9, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.)

➤ Date for School District Meeting (March 12, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.)

8. Public Comments- None

9. Nonpublic Session – RSA 91-A:3 II- None

10. Adjournment- Dan Bianchino made a motion, seconded by Curtis Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm. (3-0).