

Eaton School Board  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2021  
6:00 pm

Remote Location:

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Phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 980 6595 5723 Passcode: 265777

In attendance remotely: Chris Kennedy, Monique Hebert, Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Lilli Gilligan (SAU 9), Jim Hill (SAU 9),

Members of the public remotely: Jane Gray, Dick Fortin, Holly Fortin

- I. Call to order- Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Consider Approval of Revision to 2021-22 Proposed Budget- Kevin Richard explained that a new student moved in to Eaton just after the January meeting and the budget needed to be adjusted moving forward. The amount of the increase was \$17,772. Chris Kennedy made a motion to recommend the operating budget to \$912,987, seconded by Monique Hebert. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

Consider Approval of Revised Warrant Article #5 (Budget)- Chris Kennedy made a motion to recommend the operating budget to \$912,987 be changed on Warrant Article #5, seconded by Monique Hebert. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

Discussion about the wording on Articles 6, 7, and 8 to clarify understanding to the public so that the public knows that there is no additional money that would need to be raised if the Discontinuance of the Tuition Expendable Fund is approved. The money from the Tuition Expendable Fund (approximately \$73,000) would be deposited to General Fund and used to fund the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund (\$30,000) and the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund (\$43,000).

Article 6 was unchanged. Article 7 changed the wording to “raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance” as recommended by the Department of Revenue Administration. Monique Hebert made the motion to accept the amended language, seconded by Chris Kennedy. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

Article 8 changed the wording to “raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance” as recommended by the Department of Revenue Administration. Monique Hebert made the motion to accept the amended language,

seconded by Chris Kennedy. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

Article 9- A motion was made by Chris Kennedy and seconded by Monique Hebert to amend the language to "Should Articles 6 and 7 both pass, to authorize the purchase of a school bus for the sum of \$99,000 with all funding to come from the Capital Reserve Fund for School Buses". Monique Hebert made the motion to accept the amended language, seconded by Chris Kennedy. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

Jim Hill noted that should Article 6 fail, Eaton School District would not be able to purchase a bus and recommended adding an article 10 to ensure that a bus would be purchased. A motion was made by Chris Kennedy and seconded by Monique Hebert to establish Article 10 "Should Article 9 be defeated, to see if the School District will authorize the purchase of a school bus for the sum of \$99,000, with \$83,000 to come from the Capital Reserve Fund for School Buses, and the balance to come from general taxation." **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021-22 Proposed Budget**

Chris Kennedy opened the public hearing at 6:20 pm. Chris Kennedy presented an overview of the operating budget. Dick Fortin and Jane Gray asked some clarifying questions about the operating budget and warrant articles. Jane Gray noted that it will be important to explain to the public that If Article 6 is passed the tuition trust fund money will go into the Bus Capital Reserve Fund and the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund and no new appropriations will be needed through taxation. Jane Gray also noted that the enrollment of Eaton students has increased from last year.

Chair Kennedy closed the public hearing at 6:33 pm.

- II. Approval of Minutes (1-04-21)- Monique Hebert made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nella Thompson. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**
- III. Business affairs-
  - A. Signing of Manifest
  - B. Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms
  - C. Consider Bond for Window Replacement Project at KHS- Jim Hill reviewed the KHS window project with the school board and the notification to the sending towns as required by the tuition contract.

- IV. Superintendent Report- Kevin Richard reported the current COVID-19 conditions and the impact on the school district. There has been an increased number of positive cases recently which resulted in many staff members having been quarantined causing stress on the system. It is still the focus to keep students in school face to face for as long as possible. Chris Kennedy thanked all of the staff for their hard work to keep students in face to face instruction.
- V. Any Other Business
- VI. Board Member Issues-
  - A. Set date for Next Meeting (April 5, 2021- 6:00pm)
    - 1. School District Meeting (March 9, 2021, 5:00 pm)

There was discussion about the Annual School District Meeting. Chris Kennedy stated that the moderator and others were attending a meeting/webinar this weekend and would likely move the meeting to a later date. He will inform the SAU 9 office of the decision next week. As of now the date, time and place will remain on the warrant until new information comes in.

- VII. Nonpublic Session-RSA 91-A:3 II- None
- VIII. Personnel Action- None
- IX. Adjourn-Chris Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm, seconded by Monique Hebert. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes (2-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard