

**Eaton School Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**December 6, 2021**  
**6:00 pm**

Eaton Town Hall

In attendance: Chris Kennedy, Susan Wiley, Monique Hebert, Kevin Richard (SAU 9)

- I. Call to order- Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes (11-1-21)- Susan Wiley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Monique Hebert with one correction regarding who made a motion to adjourn. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes, Susan Wiley-Yes (3-0-0)**

III. Business affairs-

A. Signing of Manifest

B. Review Draft #1 of Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Kevin reviewed the proposed budget. The overall budget is down from the previous year with the same number of students (27 for 2022-23, 26.6 for 2021-2022). There were several reasons for the decrease, one being that Conway had a significant fund balance which reduced the operating costs. There was discussion about increasing the legal services line up from \$500 as the Cooperative Planning Committee has been meeting and there may be a need for increased legal services next year. The board unanimously agreed to increase the line to \$2,500.

Susan Wiley questioned how much money Eaton could get from IDEA and Medicaid for Schools. Kevin stated that the amount of money to be recovered is very little due to the minimal expenses for special education students in Eaton. General special education support is provided in the Conway schools, costs typically are provided through the tuition contracts. Exceptions would be for pre-school students, 1:1 aides, transportation, tuition out of district or specific needs that require specialists to become involved.

Monique Hebert made a motion, seconded by Chris Kennedy to move the adjusted budget (\$824,137) forward to the next meeting. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes, Susan Wiley-Yes (3-0-0)**

C. Review Draft #1 of Proposed Warrant Articles

The trust fund balances were reviewed. The bus capital reserve fund has \$37,923 in it currently. Eaton just purchased a bus this year. Susan Wiley made a motion, seconded by Monique Hebert to move \$15,000 to be added to the warrant. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes, Susan Wiley-Yes (3-0-0)**

The special education trust fund has \$135,304 in the account currently. There was discussion about how much should be in the account. Kevin recommended at least

having \$150,000 in the account. Chris Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Susan Wiley to add \$10,000 to the warrant. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes, Susan Wiley-Yes (3-0-0)**

The Eaton School Board will get one more chance to review the budget in January prior to moving the budget to public hearing in February.

IV. Superintendent Report-

- A. COVID Status Update- Kevin Richard reviewed the conditions around the pandemic. The numbers continue to increase within the school and community. There is strain due to staffing. There is a high level of transmission within families. Schools are increasing some of the mitigation strategies as appropriate. The SAU 9 website has a dashboard with current cases in the schools, as well as a decision making matrix publishing local data.
- B. Cooperative School District- The third meeting of the committee took place on December 2nd. Each town discussed the interests of their town regarding: governance, finance, programming, facilities, and other topics. Information was shared out. The committee is gaining a better understanding of the options available to them.

V. Any Other Business

- A. Set Date for Next Meeting (January 3, 2022-6:00 pm)

VI. Board Member Issues-

- A. Set Time for School District Meeting on March 8, 2022 (5:00 pm)
- B. Set Date and Time for Budget Hearing (February 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm)

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

VIII. Personnel Action- None

- IX. Adjourn-Susan Wiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm, seconded by Monique Hebert. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes, Susan Wiley-Yes (3-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard