

Eaton School Board Meeting
Minutes
February 7, 2022
6:00 pm

Eaton Town Hall

In attendance: Chris Kennedy, Monique Hebert, Kevin Richard (SAU 9). Public: Dick Fortin

- I. Call to order- Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC HEARING on 2022-23 Proposed Budget

Superintendent Richard provided an overview of the budget including tuition calculations at the high school, middle school, and elementary school level. The calculations are derived using the ADM (average daily membership) and Equalized Valuation of the towns. Even though Eaton has more students in this year's budget the tuition is down in part because the equalized valuation of Eaton has not increased as much as the other towns in the agreement. The budget is down by approximately \$90,000 over the previous year.

The estimated revenue was reviewed along with the estimated tax rate. The school tax rate has been pretty stable over the past ten years. The superintendent passed out a handout with enrollment and tax rate information.

The warrant articles were reviewed. In addition to the operating budget (Article 5), the two Capital Reserve Funds were discussed.

Article 6 is asking for the approval of \$15,000 to be added to the School Bus Fund.

Article 7 is asking for the approval of \$10,000 to be added to the Special Education Fund.

Public member Dick Fortin asked some clarifying questions about the budget.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:25 pm

- II. Approval of Minutes (1-3-22)- Monique Hebert made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris Kennedy.. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes(2-0-0)**
- III. Business affairs-
 - A. Signing of Manifest
 - B. Vote on Warrant Articles-No changes
 - C. Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms- Signed

IV. Superintendent Report-

- A. COVID Status Update- Kevin Richard discussed the drop in COVID numbers in the past week. He is hopeful that this trend will continue downward.
- B. Cooperative School District- Superintendent Richard handed out a copy of the final report of the MWV Cooperative School District Planning Committee. The committee decided NOT to move forward with a cooperative district proposal but would like to continue the conversation about school organizations for all students.

V. Any Other Business

- A. FYI-2022-23 School Calendar- The calendar was adopted by SAU 9 School Board in December
- B. Set Date for Next Meeting (April 4, 2022-6:00 pm)
 - 1. School District Meeting on March 8, 2022 (5:00 pm)

The annual school meeting will take place in the basement of Eaton Town Hall.

VI. Board Member Issues-

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

VIII. Personnel Action- None

IX. Adjourn-Monique Hebert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm, seconded by Chris Kennedy. **Roll call vote: Chris Kennedy-Yes, Monique Hebert-Yes**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard