Eaton School Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2022 5:00 pm

Eaton Town Hall

In attendance: Monique Hebert, Susan Wiley, Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Nella Thompson (5:04 pm).

- I. <u>Call to order</u>- Monique Hebert called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. <u>Approval of Minutes (11-7-22)</u>- Monique Hebert made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Susan Wiley. **(2-0-0)**.

III. Business affairs-

- A. Signing of Manifest
- B. Review Draft #1 of Proposed 2023-24 Budget

Kevin Richard reviewed the first DRAFT of the budget. The overall budget is up about \$112k over last year. There are more students than last year (about three more overall). There are also some increases to special education. Kevin provided a handout and reviewed the seven year history of ADM (average daily membership) and Equalized Valuation for Eaton and pointed out the variance from year to year and how these impact the tuition rate. Kevin also provided a school tax rate history from 2012 to 2022 noting that the tax rate in 2012 was \$6.55 and in 2022 it is \$5.47.

C. <u>Review Draft #1 of Proposed Warrant Articles</u> Kevin reviewed the warrant articles and provided the reserve fund balance in the accounts. At the next school board meeting the school board will have to decide whether to put money into the school bus and special education trust funds.

IV. Superintendent Report-

A. KHS Tuition Study Committee-

Kevin Richard provided an update from the joint SAU 9 & 13 meeting that took place recently on December 1, 2022. The committee reviewed the current contract section by section to clarify and create a good understanding of the components of the tuition contracts. It was decided that the seven sending towns will meet independently of Conway to discuss negotiations. Albany School Board Chair Tim Sorgi will be reaching out to Eaton School Board members with an invitation to meet with the other towns.

V. Any Other Business

- A. <u>Annual School District Meeting on March 14, 2022 (5:00 pm) at the Eaton Town</u> <u>Hall</u>
- B. <u>The School District Budget Hearing will be February 6, 2023 (6:00 pm) at the</u> <u>Eaton Town Hall</u>
- C. Rescheduled January Meeting for January 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- VI. <u>Board Member Issues-</u> Nella Thompson mentioned that a Freedom School Board member reached out to her to see if Eaton would be interested in discussing the possibility of tuitioning students to Freedom Elementary School.
- VII. Nonpublic Session-RSA 91-A:3 II)- None
- VIII. <u>Personnel Action-</u> None
- IX. <u>Adjourn-</u> Susan Wiley made a motion, seconded by Nella Thompson to adjourn the meeting. **(3-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard