

Eaton School Board Meeting
Minutes
February 6, 2023
6:00 pm

Eaton Town Hall

In attendance: Monique Hebert, Susan Wiley (via phone call), Nella Thompson, Kevin Richard (SAU 9).

Public: Jane Gray, Paul Hennigan, John Hartman

- I. Call to order- Monique Hebert called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING on 2023-24 Proposed Budget

The public hearing opened at 6:01 pm.

Superintendent Kevin Richard reviewed the budget line by line explaining the increases and decreases. John Hartman asked a question about whether there were any foster children enrolled in the school and who would pay for those children. Kevin stated that there were no foster children enrolled that he knew of and the tuition cost is determined by where the child resides.

Kevin reviewed the warrant articles for the public providing the amounts that are in the various capital reserve funds. The Special education capital reserve fund has approximately \$145,000 in it currently and the article is asking for an additional \$10,000. The bus capital reserve account has \$52,987 in it currently and the article is asking for an additional \$15,000.

The public hearing closed at 6:25 pm and the school board meeting reconvened.

- II. Approval of Minutes (1-9-23)- Nella Thompson explained that she had an issue with some of the previous minutes and why she was being singled out in the minutes for being late. Superintendent Richard explained that this is an official record of the meeting and it is always noted when school board members show up late. This is common practice.

Susan Wiley made a motion, seconded by Monique Hebert to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023. (3-0)

- III. Business affairs-
 - A. Signing of Manifest-done
 - B. Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms-done

- IV. Superintendent Report-

Kevin provided an update on the ESSER grant funding and how the grant has been rewritten to reflect what the money is being used for. Eaton does not get money directly from the federal

government as they do not have any schools and the students fall under the Conway population. There is a report on the SAU 9 website along with a survey questionnaire for the public to provide feedback. Kevin informed the school board on the significant increase in mental health counseling needs in the schools.

V. Any Other Business

A. Set Date for Next Meeting (April 3, 2023-5:00 pm)

1. Annual School District Meeting on March 14, 2022 (5:00 pm) at the Eaton Town Hall

VI. Board Member Issues-

A. K-6 tuition Contract with Conway

Nella Thompson provided a handout to the school board and the public comparing student enrollment to school cost. Nella would like to do what Albany has done and opt out of the Conway Tuition Agreement.

Nella made a motion to invite Glen Cordelli to speak at the School District Annual Meeting on March 14th.. The motion was seconded by Monique Hebert. Kevin explained that the Annual Meeting is not a school board meeting and that the meeting is run by the school moderator. The objective of the meeting is to vote on all of the articles that are on the warrant. There were no guarantees that the moderator would allow for Mr. Cordelli to speak at this meeting.

Nella made a motion to amend the original motion to “Invite Glen Cordelli to the April 3rd school board meeting to speak to the town of Eaton”. The motion was seconded by Monique Hebert. The amended motion was approved. Vote (3-0).

Nella stated that she would be in contact with Mr. Cordelli and would copy the other school board members on the email.

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

VIII. Personnel Action- None

- IX. Adjourn- Nella Thompson made a motion, seconded by Monique Hebert to adjourn the meeting. **(3-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard