

**Eaton School Board Meeting**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**January 8, 2024**  
**5:00 pm**

Eaton Town Hall

In attendance: Susan Wiley, Monique Hebert, Nella Thompson, Kevin Richard (SAU 9). Public-John Hartman

- I. Call to order- Chair Monique Hebert called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes (12-4-23)-Monique Hebert made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Susan Wiley. **(3-0-0)**.
- III. Business affairs-
  - A. Signing of Manifest
  - B. Budget Status Report 2023-24

Superintendent Richard reviewed the current budget. There are no unanticipated expenses at this time which is a good thing.
  - C. Recommend Proposed 2024-25 Budget

Superintendent Richard reviewed the proposed budget for FY 25. The overall tuition for k-12 is down by over \$200,000. There was discussion about increasing the legal services to \$5,000 (up from \$2,500) due to tuition agreement negotiations. There was discussion about adjusting the bus driver salary by \$3.50/hr to keep competitive with other districts. The overall proposed budget is down -\$216,243 from the previous year.
  - D. Recommend Proposed Warrant Articles

Susan Wiley made a motion, seconded by Monique Hebert to recommend a school district budget of \$769,422 on Article 5. (3-0)

Susan Wiley made a motion, seconded by Nella Thompson to recommend \$25,000 on Article 6 (Special Education Capital Reserve Fund). (3-0)

Susan Wiley made a motion, seconded by Monique Hebert to place \$15,000 on Article 7 (School Bus Capital Reserve Fund). (3-0)

These articles will go to the school district budget hearing on February 5th. The amounts may be changed or amended by the school board at that meeting.
- IV. Superintendent Report-

Kevin Richard provided an update to the various administrative search committees including: superintendent, Pine Tree Principal, Kennett Middle School Principal and the MWV Career and Technical Director. Susan Wiley is the Eaton School Board representative on the superintendent search committee.

V. Any Other Business

A. Set Date for upcoming meetings

Budget Hearing on February 5, 2024-**6:00 pm**

Annual School District Meeting on March 12, 2024-**5:00 pm**

VI. Board Member Issues-

Nella Thompson explained that she missed the last meeting due to the weather and power outages and would appreciate contact about board meetings in those circumstances. Superintendent Richard will make sure that all school board members are contacted in the future.

Nella also would like to discuss the tuition contract with other school board members prior to negotiations with Conway. A non-public session will be scheduled at the next Eaton School Board meeting for negotiations.

VII. Public Comment

John Hartman asked why the tuition rates dropped so much for next year. Mr. Richard explained that there are calculations in the tuition agreement that can change significantly from year to year including a CPI (Consumer Price Index) that gets adjusted each year. Last year the CPI was over 8%. There are also other factors that impact the tuition rate including the Equalized Valuation increases to the other towns and the ADM (average daily membership) percentages for each town.

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

IX. Personnel Action- None

X. Adjourn- Motion made by Susan Wiley, seconded by Nella Thompson to adjourn the meeting. (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard