

**EATON SCHOOL**  
**BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
**February 5, 2024**

In attendance: Susan Wiley, Monique Hebert, Nella Thompson, Kevin Richard (SAU 9), Dr. Aimee Frechette (SAU 9)    Public: Paul Hennigan, John Hartman, Francis Paccioretti

1.    Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by chair Hebert at 6:00 pm and the public hearing was opened.

**PUBLIC HEARING on 2024-25 Proposed Budget**

Superintendent Kevin Richard provided an overview of the operating budget. The overall budget is down by -21% over the previous year. Even though there is not a significant change in enrollment, the tuition calculation formula resulted in a decrease in tuition costs.

Each of the warrant articles was reviewed for the public. The school board is asking for funds to be placed in the special education reserve fund as well as the bus reserve fund.

The public asked questions regarding some of the mechanics of the tuition contract (average daily membership and equalized evaluation). Mr. Richard provided a document with a five year look back on tuition related information.

The public hearing was closed at 6:48 pm

2.    Approval of Minutes (1-8-24)- Susan Wiley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nella Thompson. **Vote (3-0)**
3.    Business Affairs
  - A.    Signing of Manifest- Documents were signed by all school board members.
  - B.    FYI - Budget Status Report 2023-24-Mr. Richard reviewed the current year budget. There are no surprises so far this year, so all looks good at this time.
  - C.    Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms- The school board signed the warrant and the MS-26 budget document for submittal and posting for the annual school district meeting.
4.    Superintendent's Report- Mr. Richard updated the school board on several Conway items of note including:
  - The decision by the Conway School Board to close an elementary school for the Fall of 2025.
  - The positions of Pine Tree Principal and Kennett Middle School Principal are in process with a recommendation to hire a Pine Tree Principal at this time due to

Dr. Frechette taking over as Assistant Superintendent of SAU 9.

- All Conway administrators have been involved with the Conway Police Department in planning a training exercise for June of 2024. Mr. Hennigan advised that school board members should attend the training as observers or participants.

5. Any Other Business

A. Date for Next Meeting (April 1, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.)

- School District Annual Meeting (March 12, 2024 - 5:00 p.m at Eaton Town Hall)

6. Board Member Issues- None

7. Public Comment- Mr. Hartman asked if Conway was going to be bonding in the future. Mr. Richard did not have any indication by the Conway School Board at this time.

8. Nonpublic Session – RSA 91-A:3 II

Susan Wiley made a motion to go into a nonpublic session for negotiations. Motion seconded by Monique Hebert. **Roll call vote: Monique Hebert-yes, Susan Wiley-yes, Nella Thompson-yes.** The school board entered nonpublic at 7:01 pm.

The school board returned from the nonpublic session at 7:21pm and resumed the rest of the meeting.

9. Personnel Action-None

10. Adjourn-Nella Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Wiley. **Vote (3-0).** Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm