Sullivan School Board
Public Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2025

Present: Board Members: Mike Brooks, Stephanie Milotte, Paul Bolduc, Colleen Mathews, Malinda Scherpa (arrived at 6:08)
District Superintendent: Kim Caron
Public: None

Call to Order:
Mike Brooks meeting Called to order at 6:00 PM

Public MINUTES APPROVAL FOR February 12th 2025
Motion: Paul motioned to approve the minutes from February 12th, 2025 Board's meeting.
Second by Stephanie
Discussion: None
Voice Vote: Unanimous
Motion so passes and the **February 12th 2025** Public Minutes are approved.

Non-Public MINUTES APPROVAL FOR February 12th 2025
Motion: Malinda motioned to approve the School Board Non-Public minutes from February 12th, 2025 Board's meeting.
Second by Colleen
Discussion: None
Voice Vote: Unanimous
Motion so passes and the **February 12th 2025** Non-Public Minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report –
Mike B notified the Board that Ann Gray, District Treasurer submitted her resignation effective March 10th, 2025.
Kim C went over the manifest with the board.

- Manifest: The current manifest for this month is for the amount of $41,437.73
  - The **starting** bank balance is $644,238.45
  - **Total Deposits** $101,977.15
    - Educational Behavioral Consulting $19,400.46 (Jan/Feb services)
    - First Student $16,114.32 (Payment 7 of 10)
    - SAU 29 Nelson $ 3,986.70 (1on1 #7of10)
    - Perfect Balance $ 248.75 (Feb, 1099, POB)
    - Simplified Speech $ 137.50 (Feb services)
    - USPS $ 72.00 (12M POB March-March)
    - Wadleigh, Starr & Peters $ 1,478.00 (Legal paperwork)

TOTAL PAYMENTS: $41,437.73
Ending Bank Balance: $704,777.87

Motion: Malinda motioned to approve the manifest of **2/13/25-3/12/25**
Seconded by Stephanie
Discussion: None
Voice Vote: Unanimous
Motion so passes and the **February/March** Manifest is approved and so accepted

Superintendent's Report - written by Kim Caron

The following is a general update of activities as of March 4th , 2025, since the last Board meeting.

Administration. Projects.

- Special Education and Medicaid. School districts may be eligible for reimbursement for a portion of medically necessary and qualified expenses such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language services, and some school psychology services through Medicaid. The administration is revisiting the feasibility of using the Medicaid reimbursement process this school year. The district's situation has changed in that we are currently providing related services for several special education students, in addition to and separate from tuition costs, that may be eligible for Medicaid to Schools reimbursement. The special education director recently met with MSB and EHS (Education Health Services). MSB is a nationally based consulting firm that provides services to schools to maximize Medicaid reimbursement for qualified special education expenses. Note that the school district had a three-year contract with MSB with the previous administration without activity. EHS (Education Health Services) is a NH-based group working with MSB and provides the medical documentation necessary to acquire Medicaid reimbursements. EHS is the entity that reviews IEP's and signs prescriptions for the special education/related services that a child needs.

They provide the district with a digital prescription to forward to MSB. The special education/related service must be medically necessary, prescribed, and on record with MSB for them to process any Medicaid to Schools (MTS) payments. MSB and EHS currently works with many SAU's on this task.

The superintendent signed a thirty-day contract with MSB at no cost to the district. The purpose of the contract is to analyze student information provided by the district to ensure that the students are eligible for Medicaid to Schools reimbursement. Families must consent per FERPA and be eligible for Medicaid. Service providers must enter information into the MSB system to document their sessions. Sessions may be entered retroactively back to the start date of the student IEP. The superintendent will keep the school board posted as we move forward with this project.

- Default Budget Question. The school board had a question on default budgets at the February school board meeting. The superintendent consulted with the school board attorney to refresh his memory on the question of a default budget. The upshot is there is not an option for a default budget in towns with Sullivan's form of government. Sullivan follows the traditional "Town Meeting" form of government dating back to the 1800's. The resident voters in attendance at the Town Meeting are vested with the legislative authority to act on the budget. This is opposed to "SB2 towns" that have adopted the official referendum voting option.

In SB2 towns/districts, the school board must prepare a default budget in the case of a failed budget vote during the second session of the meeting (the official ballot vote). For Sullivan, the operating budget and related warrants must be acted on and decided upon at the Town Meeting. As a rule, the Town Meeting cannot conclude without a budget. However, should the Town Meeting on March 12 extend beyond a reasonable time without resolution, the Town Moderator can request a vote to recess the session and reconvene at a properly noticed subsequent date between March 19 and March 25, 2025. The superintendent sent an email to the school board with this information on February 18th.
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Please feel free to contact Kim with any questions.

There was no need for non-public.

Upcoming Important Meeting Dates.
The next monthly meeting is set for April 9th, 2025

Other Items: None

Adjournment:
Motion: Mike Brooks made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Malinda Voice Vote: Unanimous
Motion passes and the March Meeting closed at 6:27PM

Paul Bolduc