

Sullivan School Board Public Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2023

Present: Board Members: Michael Brooks, Stephanie Milotte, William Thorndike, Paul Bolduc

District Treasurer: Ann Gray

Absent: Superintendent: Kim Caron & Board Member Malinda Scherpa

Members of the Public: None

Call to Order:

Mike Brooks meeting Called to order at 6:32 PM

MINUTES

Motion Will motioned to approve the minutes from **October 11th, 2023** Board's meeting.

Second by Stephanie

Discussion: Alter the next meeting date to reflect corrected **October 11th, 2023**

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion so passes and the **October 11th, 2023** Minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report - Appointed Treasurer Ann Gray

Ann Gray went over the manifest with the board.

- **Manifest:** The current manifest for this month is for the amount of **\$37,866.13**
 - The starting bank balance is **\$287,486.14**
 - Total Deposits \$223,745.11
 - State of NH \$148,353 (Nov 2023)
 - Town of Sullivan \$75,000 (Oct 2023)
 - Mascoma \$392.11 (Interest 10/23)

Payments

\$380.00	Terri Drogue (Oct 2023)
\$10,468.50	Community House & 1on1 (Oct 2023)
\$1,068.75	Education and Behavioral Consulting (Sept 2023)
\$15,644.88	First Student (Payment 3 of 10)
\$252.00	Perfect Balance (Sept 2023)
\$600.00	Simplified Speech Solutions (Oct 2023)
\$9,218.00	Tucker Transportation (Aug, Sept, Oct 2023)
\$318.00	Wadleigh, Starr & Peters (general legal work)

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$37,866.13

Ending Bank Balance \$473,365.17

*** We have an outstanding check for Assistive Technology for Education \$3,250.00 that Ann will review with Sarah and track down the status.***

Motion: Will motioned to approve the manifest of **10/12/23-11/8/23**

Seconded by **Stephanie**

Discussion None

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion so passes and the **Oct/Nov** Manifest is approved and so accepted.

Mascoma Update –

Per previous motion – Mascoma has sent thru some additional account forms to be reviewed and signed by the Board Chair & Vice Chair to authorize Sarah Dublin District Bookkeeper as an authorized signer and Ann Gray Sullivan School District Treasurer to be granted READ only access for Sullivan School District Accounts.

- Mike and Stephanie to review the email received on 11/8 Katie Dearborn Mascoma branch manager.

In order to setup the account access - Electronic signatures to additional forms are needed to be signed. Any questions will be directed to Katie Dearborn.

Mike will be setup as an Admin

Stephanie and Sarah with signer/user access

Ann with read only access.

Each id will have their own user name and log on.

AREA update –

Members of the SSD board were not able to attend the scheduled meeting on 10/23/23.

Mike provided feedback from Rob Malay indicating the school board will need a warrant article to form an AREA committee.

Committee members need to be named.

Mike/Kim to review the wording of said article and the expectations of the committee to be formed.

Joint Meeting with Nelson School Board held Nov. 6th at 4:30 PM-

Mike attended the meeting.

66 Total Students enrolled – 28N & 38S

There was a good turn out of returning 6th grade students. A lot of good feedback collected by the Nelson staff.

For the joint meeting – Mike received the proposed Nelson Tuition rate for next year 2024

The KMS & KHS tuition rates are still to be finalized.

The State Adequacy was discussed. Currently we do not know the timeline of when this money will be received by the town to be dispersed back to the taxpayers. Due to the importance of this return, the SAU completed a write-up in the Town Newsletter for the Nov/Dec.

Sullivan Master Plan – Paul provided the School District portion of the prior Master Plan to review.

Mike will take this away and review for updates ahead of the update request from the town for the overall Master Plan update.

Superintendent's Report - written by Kim Caron

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

Tax rate. The school board received the Sullivan tax rate. As we know, the education budget increased significantly due to higher special education related expenses. We know that costs can vary depending upon student need and out of district expenses. The administration's objective continues to be to follow the law and provide Sullivan students with special needs with the appropriate educational program, as is outlined by IDEA. As always, we try to find savings and efficiencies where we can.

Non-public. The superintendent will update the Board on any pending confidential issues in non-public session.

Motion to move the meeting into Non-Public at **7:10PM** to discuss preschool, Special Education updates and student services by **Paul**.

Seconded by **Will**

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

Discussion: None

Motion so passes - Meeting moved into Non-Public at **7:10 PM** to discuss student matters.

Motion to leave the non-public meeting at **7:36 PM** and return to Public Meeting by **Stephanie**

Seconded by **Paul**

Discussion: None

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion so passes - Meeting moved back into Public at **7:36PM**

Upcoming Meetings / Events

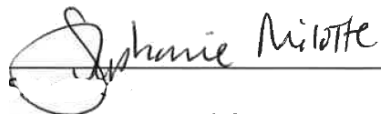
- Next School Board Meeting December 13th @ 6:30 PM

Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Will Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion passes and the Meeting closed at 7:59 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Milotte". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.