

HART'S LOCATION SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Hart's Location Town Hall.

In attendance: Stacey Dunat, Helen Brandon (via phone), Nancy Ritger, Kevin Richard (SAU9)

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING on 2024-25 Proposed Budget

Article 5: Operating Budget

Kevin Richard explained that there is one student at Josiah Bartlett Elementary School. There are no anticipated special education costs for the upcoming school year. Kevin Richard explained equalized valuation and average daily membership as it relates to Hart's share of SAU9.

Recommended operating budget is \$41,508.00.

A question was raised about the town's obligation for a homeschool student. Kevin Richard explained that there is no obligation for homeschool students or students attending a chartered public school unless they were to attend a charter school and receive special education services.

Article 6: Special Education Reserve fund: Currently there is \$63,000 in the reserve fund. The board has asked to add \$10,000.00 to the reserve fund. If the town approves the budget, the \$10,000 will be added to the budget.

Article 7: Tuition Trust Fund: Currently there is \$71,020 in the account. The board is recommending \$4,000 be added. A question was raised about the cost difference between elementary tuition and high school tuition. Kevin explained that currently, Hart's Location doesn't have an agreement with any particular high school. Since Hart's is not a part of the tuition agreement with Conway, they are required to pay the highest rate of tuition, which is approximately \$29,000 for a high school student. Nancy Ritger stated that part of the reason Hart's did not engage in a tuition contract was that the town would be obligated to pay regardless of whether there were any students.

A question was asked about whether the town was going to owe money to Bartlett by June. The negative local tax rate was discussed. Kevin explained that they will pay out of last year's fund balance. If need be there is money available in the tuition trust fund.

Helen Brandon closed the public hearing at 4:31pm.

2. Approval of Minutes (1-9-2024)- Stacy Dunat made a motion, seconded by Nancy Ritger to approve the minutes. (3-0).

3. Business Affairs

A. Signing of Manifest

B. Vote on Warrant Articles

C. Signing of Warrant and Budget Forms

4. Administrator's Report - Kevin Richard discussed the MWV STEM Expo March 20th at Living Shores Aquarium. Superintendent search currently underway.

5. Any Other Business

A. Date/Time for School District Meeting (March 12, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.)

B. Set Date/Time for Next Meeting (April 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at JBES)

6. Public Comment

7. Nonpublic Session – RSA 91-A:3 II

8. Adjournment- Stacey Dunat motioned to adjourn the meeting, Second by Helen Brandon, 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.