

NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
New Boston, New Hampshire 03070
NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 6:30pm
New Boston Central School Library
15 Central School Road, New Boston, NH 03070

Board Members Present: Wendy Lambert, Chair, Fred Hayes, Kary Jencks, Bill Schmidt, Glen Dickey (in attendance via conference call)

Administration Present: Tory Underwood, NBCS Principal, Salina Millora, Kate Magrath, MaryClaire Barry

Wendy Lambert called the hearing to order at 6:32pm

Special Education Capital Reserve Fund: The Board discussed a Warrant Article to deposit \$50K into the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund. There is currently \$150K in the Special Ed Fund. Glen Dickey prefers to make a deposit into the 2.5% Contingency Fund. Board members agreed to leave the Special Education Fund as it stands.

New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Fund: The Board discussed a Warrant Article to deposit \$100K in the Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund. The fund currently has just over \$100K and the \$100K deposit can be used to address next year's projects. The current septic system is older than the one that was recently replaced and that would be a good reason to have that money in the account. Fred Hayes suggested consideration to depositing \$150K into that account because of all the projects that are planned for next year and as history has shown us we have had unplanned expenses such as the oil abatement, cistern and septic system that needed to be addressed. Bill Schmidt was in favor of depositing \$100K this year. ***Fred Hayes motioned to place a warrant article on the ballot for a \$100K deposit into the New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Fund, seconded by Glen Dickey. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 5-0-0 – (Glen Dickey voted via conference call). All in Favor – Motion Passed***

2.5% Contingency Fund: No action was taken regarding the 2.5% Contingency Fund.

All budget deductions have been updated - SAU Assessment adjustment, sub-scheduling stipend, Property & Liability Insurance reduction, MVMS 1:1 Aide reduction (from 4 to 1), GHS 402 Placement not required. Brian shared that the default budget will not be ready for the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow night as time is needed to present accurate information. Rita, the MRI Business Administrator consultant worked all day trying to confirm the default numbers and had significant concerns as she discovered some items were not included in default budget. Rita will return to the SAU office on Thursday and will continue to work on the default budget numbers.

The Board requested the default budget calculations be e-mailed to them and placed in their correspondence folder. Tori's Proposed 2018-2019 Budget PowerPoint Presentation will need to be adjusted as well. Brian stated that the return was increased to \$500K. Fred reminded the Board that funds have been earmarked for projects. The Finance Committee will be informed that we are currently going through an audit.

Draft 2018-2019 School District Calendar: Wendy shared that she received the union's feedback on the draft school district calendar today. At last count, 50% were in favor of having school on

MLK, and 30% were not with 20% had no opinion either way. Some felt it was insensitive and disrespectful to hold school on MLK Day as it is a designated federal holiday. Others wondered if school was in session, who would be responsible for setting up and conducting a school assembly to honor Dr. King's work. Teachers also discussed starting the school year before Labor Day. Wendy commented that the Board has been discussing the draft 2018-2019 school district calendar for some time and would have liked to have received the union's feedback sooner. Wendy explained that Goffstown has conditionally approved their calendar pending New Boston's decision. Upon further discussion, the Board's decision is to hold school on MLK Day in 2018-2019 and have thoughtful teaching and learning on Dr. King's civil rights work. Wendy stated that one of the main reasons we chose to have school on MLK Day was because we have here voting days in 2018/2019 and holding school in Goffstown on voting days pose challenges due to transportation costs. We need to align with Goffstown. MLK Day is only 3 weeks into the new year and students are just returning from the Holiday vacation.

Kary Jencks would like to insure that there will be quality teaching and learning on MLK Day and suggested that educators reach out to civil rights groups such as the NAACP for suggestions on how to plan quality programs for MLK Day. Brian stated that as we get closer to MLK Day, MaryClaire Barry will work with the administrators and teachers to insure that quality programs are in place.

Wendy asked what the Board's feelings were about staying with the draft calendar that we have before us. Fred Hayes stated that if the Goffstown School District is inclined to approve the draft calendar than so should New Boston as we don't want to do differently. Wendy thanked the union for their feedback.

Tori reviewed the changes/updates she made in her PowerPoint Presentation. The State recently updated the Per Pupil Cost data and that information has been updated on the slide and the Collective Bargaining Agreement slide will be a standalone slide. Tori gave an overview of the overall budget changes - Regular and Special Education transportation was broken out. The Board discussed the General Fund - Fred commented that the AREA Agreement does not speak to what we do in our budget it is based on the Goffstown School District Budget which is approved by the Goffstown Budget Committee. The Food Service slide remained the same. The general fund and default will be calculated and will be distributed upon completion.

Other Business That May Legally Come Before The Board Meeting: None

Public Comment(s): None

Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II: None

Fred Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm, seconded by Bill Schmidt. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 5-0-0 (Glen Dickey voted via conference call) – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary