

TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016 @ 5:30 PM
K.A. BRETT SCHOOL LIBRARY
APPROVED MINUTES

Board members attending: Chairperson Jack Waldron, Kathi Padgett, Dennis Quinn, Helen Steele, Jen Westover

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Student Services Director Maria Dreyer

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jack Waldron called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Dennis Quinn to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular School Board Meeting 11-17-16: Motion by Kathi Padgett to approve the minutes of 11-17-16, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Kathi Padgett to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. K.A. Brett School Principal's Report
- B. KHS Principal's Letter
- C. 2016-2017 Expense Report
- D. Capital Reserve Fund Balances

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- A. Calendar:
 - 1. Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, 1-19-17 @ 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: No report.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Drew Fund: Superintendent Lou Goscinski said this was a fund of about \$8,000 that we think was originally established as scholarship money. He said Attorney Matt Upton has

advised either going through the Attorney General's office to extinguish the fund or petitioning the Probate Court to see if it was bequeathed. Kathi Padgett offered as an attorney to do some research and try to get more information on the fund. Lou said he would appreciate that.

- B. Projected 2017-2018 Class Sizes: In the board packet. Lou reviewed the current enrollment and projected class sizes with the board. This was discussed.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS:

Old Business

- A. Review Version #2 of the Tamworth School District 2017-2018 Budget:

Business Administrator Chuck Bates reviewed the changes from Version #1 to Version #2 of the budget: budget impacts included corrected health insurance rates, Conway tuition, retirement, and miscellaneous overhead accounts totaling a \$51,822.35 reduction.

Jack reviewed the 2017-2018 proposed budget by function code. He noted that we're budgeting \$35,000 for computers for grades 3-5. He said for the next meeting he would like a breakdown of what devices we're getting. Regarding teacher laptops, he said this will be on the 3-year cycle so we have a regular plan in three even pieces. Kathi Padgett requested that account notes be written out instead of as abbreviations. The bottom line of the budget is \$7,016,749.55, a dollar difference from last year of \$260,610.79, a 3.86% increase. Lou said it appears that we need to look at such things as teachers, out-of-district costs, and computers.

- B. Draft of Potential Warrant Articles for the 2017 Tamworth School District Warrant: Lou said the only changes from last time are the dollar amounts for the SAU and the addition of Article V.

**PROPOSED TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT (11-17-16)
TO BE REVIEWED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR
FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

(NOTE: WARRANT TO BE REVIEWED & APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
ATTORNEY & NH DRA PRIOR TO OFFICIAL POSTING)

**TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Tamworth, County of Carroll, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on school district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the K.A. Brett School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM (snow date Friday, March 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$TBD for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of statutory obligations of the district. (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE II. Shall the voters of the school district adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$705,717 for the 2017-2018 school year in which \$268,216 is assigned to the school budget of this school district? (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

This year's adjusted budget of \$697,703 with \$265,090 assigned to the school district budget will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the district voters in this administrative district.

ARTICLE III. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Tamworth School Board and the Tamworth Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Estimated increase	
Year 2017-2018	\$TBD
Year 2018-2019	\$TBD
Year 2019-2020	\$TBD

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$TBD for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE IV. To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Tamworth School Board and the Tamworth Education Support Personnel Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Estimated increase	
Year 2017-2018	\$ TBD
Year 2018-2019	\$ TBD

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$TBD for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE V: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the previously established School Renovation and Emergency Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

Kathi Padgett suggested that all warrant articles should be written in a consistent manner. Regarding Article V, she suggested that the two incomplete sentences should be changed to read "This sum will come from the June 30, 2017 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017; no amount will be raised from taxation." Lou said any changes would have to be cleared by the NH DRA (Department of Revenue Administration), as they have authority over the wording.

ARTICLE VI. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 9th day of February, 2017:

Dennis Quinn

Kathi Padgett

Helen Steele

Jack Waldron (Chairperson)

Jennifer Westover

Tamworth School Board

Lou said the CBA needs to be ratified by February 6. The Tamworth public hearing is February 9, 2017.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION 7:15 PM: Motion by Helen Steele to enter non-public session to act upon a matter or matters referenced in the following provisions of RSA 91-A: 3, II (a)-(c), seconded by Kathi Padgett. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session:

Kathi Padgett – Aye

Dennis Quinn – Aye

Helen Steele – Aye

Jack Waldron – Aye

Jen Westover - Aye

The Ayes have it.

Others present: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Student Services Director Maria Dreyer, Recording Secretary Pat Ambrose.

A. Personnel Matters: None.

B. Student Matters: Discussed.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES: 7:20 PM: Motion by Dennis Quinn to come out of non-public session, seconded by Kathi Padgett. On a roll call vote the board came out of non-public session at 7:20PM:

Kathi Padgett – Aye

Dennis Quinn – Aye

Helen Steele – Aye

Jack Waldron – Aye

Jen Westover – Aye

The Ayes have it.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A. Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Helen Steele to adjourn, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Tamworth School Board Meeting, December 15, 2016

Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose

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Recording Secretary