

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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A special meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Rye Junior High, Rye, NH.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Dr. Mark Joyce (Chair)
Mr. Jack O'Reilly
Mr. Chris Russo

Administrators: Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator
Peter Latchaw, Principal

Other Staff Present: Samantha Fuller, Secretary to the Superintendent

Visitors: None

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY 2021 School District Budget and Warrant Articles

Board members confirmed they had thoroughly reviewed the preliminary budget as previously distributed at the December 10th Board meeting.

Mr. O'Reilly requested Mr. Latchaw provide a brief overview of the new staff position requested for FY 2021.

Mr. Latchaw reiterated the new staff position would retain similar responsibilities as a para educator and include added duties as a full time building substitute. The budget would retain a substitute line for rare occasions when multiple staff members are absent (requiring additional substitutes).

Mr. O'Reilly noted an increase to the Budget of approximately \$81,000.

Ms. Ryan added the total increase would likely change (decrease), once the SAU 50 portion was voted on by the SAU 50 Joint Board.

Dr. Joyce questioned if the Board felt comfortable with the insulation to cover unexpected tuition cost increases. Due to the projected increase in Kindergarten enrollment, there may be reason to believe there will be added middle school or high school students.

The Board discussed warrant articles.

Ms. Ryan noted the Tuition Fund has an insulation for three additional students; the budget also has allotted space for three additional tuition students.

Dr. Joyce inquired as to if Mr. Latchaw anticipated any major building repairs going forward; currently there is approximately \$80,000 in the Building and Grounds Fund.

Mr. Latchaw foresees paving (the upper section of the driveway), as the next major grounds expense. He suggested adding another 20-25 thousand dollars to the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Funds for paving needs.

Ms. Ryan stated the Special Education Fund had approximately \$132,000. The Board agreed the Special Education Fund is funded adequately at this time.

Dr. Joyce summarized the following; the Board agreed with the preliminary operating budget for FY 2021 as presented. The Board agrees to add \$20,000 to the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund.

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board voted to approve the Preliminary FY 2021 Budget pending the SAU 50 amended decrease (to be stated at the January 7th Board meeting). Vote: 3-0

On a motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board recommended \$20,000 be added to the Building and Grounds Trust Fund. Vote: 3-0

The Board agreed that in the spring they would review remaining FY 2020 budget funds to see if money is available to encumber for paving costs. If possible, it would assist in alleviating the need to use expendable trust funds.

NON PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, the Board adjourned their meeting at 5:55 p.m. Vote: 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Fuller
Secretary to the Superintendent



Chris Russo, School Board Secretary

Date