

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
February 14, 2018**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, Bruce Blodgett and Mike Lynch. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley, Business Administrator Patty Brown, Technology Director Shane Cloutier and Principal Sandi Adams.

Wayne Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Wayne Hall to approve the public board minutes of January 10, 2018 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to go into the Public Budget Hearing at 6:01 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Patty Brown went over the 2018/2019 proposed budget and highlighted the significant differences (increases & decreases). The budget article will be in the amount of \$2,194,162 (funds 10, 21 & 22). The additional articles total \$155,001 (\$15,001 Teacher's Agreement, \$70,000 Building Project & \$70,000 Maintenance Trust Fund Deposit). Overall, if the budget passes and all the additional articles will be an increase of \$62,519 to the expenses. The estimated tax rate of \$17.71 is an increase of \$1.86 over the current tax rate. There was an unreserved fund balance June 2017 of \$135,719 to reduce last year's estimated tax rate of \$17.56 down to \$15.85 (current tax rate) when the taxes were set back in October.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to come out of the Public Budget Hearing at 6:11 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Citizens Comments: NONE

Sandi Adams presented her principal report. Sandi mentioned that the NEK District out of Vermont requested a snapshot of what Stratford School has to offer their students that have school choice. Sandi created a trifold handout and sent it to them to hand out to their parents. Sandi also added that the lift is currently down and the repairman is waiting for the part to come in. Sandi ended with telling the board that a past Stratford student is coming to do her college internship here in the Pre-K/Kindergarten classroom.

Bruce Blodgett asked about the current enrollment. Sandi Adams responded that there were currently 69 students here, 7 are tuition students from Vermont.

Michelle Mason's special education report was presented with nothing to add. The board had no questions.

Shane Cloutier presented his technology report and added that there may be a way to share servers through the districts and have more backups. Stratford still has some wireless issues up here and he's working on that still. He's looking into replacement costs; E-rate funding and making sure the adequate equipment is being put in. Shane also mentioned that it's always good to keep updating and rotating out aging equipment.

Patty Brown presented her business report with no changes. Patty basically covered everything during the budget hearing portion of this meeting.

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Mike Kelley presented his report and added that Stratford School did receive approval to hire a part-time Title I teacher.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Mike Lynch to approve the hiring of Paulette Owen as the part-time Title I teacher as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to approve the proposed 2018/2019 school budget in the amount of \$2,194,162 as presented during the public budget hearing. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Wayne Hall reviewed the Annual School District Warrant Articles (1-9) and the board decided who would motion, second and speak to the articles at the annual meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

A nonpublic was not needed tonight.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown