

Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
February, 2019

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, Bruce Blodgett and James Kennett. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Sandi Adams.

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

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to approve the public board minutes of December 12, 2018 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Wayne Hall recessed the regular board meeting and went into the Budget Hearing at 6:03 pm.

Patty Brown reviewed the proposed budget and highlighted any significant increases and decreases. The overall budget is up \$56,837 due to increased tuition students. The estimated tax rate of \$18.35 is up slightly from last year's estimated rate of \$17.71. The current tax rate came in less than what was estimated because of a fund balance last June 2018 of \$200k, the current tax rate is \$14.17. So the immediate impact would be \$4.18, with no estimated fund balance this year in June 2019. It's too early to tell at this point if there will be a fund balance or not, the estimated tax rate is with no fund balance.

Wayne Hall moved out of the Budget Hearing and back into the regular board meeting at 6:12 pm.

No public comments.

Sandi Adams presented her report and had nothing to add at this time.

Michelle Mason's special education report was presented with no changes.

Shane Cloutier presented his technology report with no changes and nothing to add at this time.

Patty Brown presented her business report and noted all the financials and budget were covered and discussed during the Budget Hearing.

Mike Kelley presented his superintendent report and mentioned the vacant GHS paraprofessional position was filled this week. Mike also discussed the infrastructure funds and what projects are being completed by spring. The safety film will be installed at SPS during February vacation.

Bruce Blodgett asked about the gun policy for the school district. Mike Kelley responded that the federal law is no guns allowed on school property. The current state law allows guns on the school property with a permit. There is contradiction with the two and the state is working to align with the federal law. The board discussed the issue and will wait to see what the state comes up with.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by James Kennett to approve the 2019-2020 budget amount of \$2,406,000 as presented to be appropriated at the annual school meeting. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

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The board then read down through the Warrant and the articles to be voted on at the annual school meeting.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to approve the 2019 warrant and articles as written and read aloud at tonight's board meeting. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown