

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
January 15, 2020**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:30 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, James Kennett and Kyle Haley. No one was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Jason Hook.

Wayne Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by a student.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to approve the public and non-public minutes of December 11, 2019 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Reports:

Jason Hook presented his principal report and mentioned there four students participating in the ski program, the new boiler is in and running, the new water fountains are in and operating nicely, the lions head in the gym was repainted by Jeff McCowan and looks awesome, Berlin City awarded our STEM Club a \$2,000 grant and the Kiwanis Club will be bringing back the DC trip starting next year and fundraising will be starting soon.

Patty Brown presented her business administrator report and discussed the updated budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, \$40k maintenance trust fund additions to help cover boiler and roof expenses, \$10k technology trust fund addition for any unanticipated expenses, and there were three roof bids received for the advertised shingle roofing project this June. Sentry Roofing out of Manchester had the lowest bid of \$41,340 and all their reference checks have come back excellent so far. The estimated tax rate based on this presented budget so far for 2020-2021 is up \$.06 over the current rate. There may be a couple more changes to this budget before the budget hearing in February.

Patty answered roofing and boiler replacement questions directed from the public and school board.

Continuing Business:

Ronna Cadarette let the board know that Attorney Loughman complimented our boards and stated how wonderful they all were at last night's meeting in Groveton. Ronna also stated that Northumberland School Board agreed to remove the words New Hampshire from the current tuition agreement as requested by the Stratford School Board. Both boards will have an article on the Annual School Meeting Warrant in March to approve the revised Tuition Agreement.

Ronna then gave an update on all the personnel updates at GES and GHS. A letter will be sent home explaining it to all the families tomorrow, plus posted on all the school's Facebook pages.

Wayne Hall mentioned a letter was sent to the Columbia School Board on December 30, 2019 about accepting their preschool age students. We have not heard back from them yet. Ronna suggested the letter be posted on the school's Facebook page to get the word out there.

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Wayne Hall spoke to the Northumberland School Board meeting he and Kyle Haley attended last night at GHS. The Northumberland Board agreed to take out “New Hampshire” I the contract. The new contract will need to approved at the upcoming Annual School Meetings in March. Both Stratford and Northumberland will need approve the revised tuition agreement.

New Business:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to accept Policy GBAA – Harassment – Employees/Staff as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Wayne Hall requested the meetings be at 6:00 pm from now on because of his change at work.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Non-Public:

No nonpublic.

Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by James Kennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown