

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2021**

Moderator Macdonald called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The School Board introduced themselves – Kyle Haley, James Kennett, Nicole King. Kyle Haley gave a thank you to everyone that has made this year possible in light of the pandemic. Kyle Haley also gave a thank you to Patty Brown for her years of service as Business Administrator for SAU 58.

Article 1: To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion to move the article as written made by Kyle Haley. Seconded by Nicole King. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 2: To set the salaries of School District officials:

School Board Members	3 @ \$800.00 each	\$ 2,400.00
Treasurer		\$ 850.00
Clerk		\$ 55.00
Moderator		\$ 55.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$25.00 each	\$ 75.00
Board Secretary	\$60.00/meeting	\$ 720.00
(Recommended by the School Board)		

Motion to move the article as written made by James Kennett. Seconded by Nicole King. Timothy Brooks said that this isn't enough money for all that you do. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Stratford School Board and the Stratford Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2021-2022	\$17,821
2022-2023	\$18,786
2023-2024	\$17,370

and further to raise and appropriate \$17,821 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. (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move the article as written made by Kyle Haley. Seconded by Nicole King. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 4: Shall the School District, if WARRANT ARTICLE #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE #3 cost items only? (Majority vote)

Motion to pass over the article made by Clayton Macdonald. Seconded by Timothy Brooks. No discussion. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes.

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate of for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11 (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to amend article 5 was made by Kyle Haley. Seconded by Nicole King. Amended to read: "To see if the School District will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11.

Danny Smith asked if it would be better to take that 5 percent and put it in a trust fund instead of being controlled by the state. Kyle Haley said that there would have had to have been an article in here for that. Timothy Brooks asked what is the advantage of having the state control this. Patty Brown explained that there is an updated RSA with the state that has changed the percentage from 2.5 percent to 5 percent. Patty Brown gave an example of last year with the sanding of the gym floor that with the retained year-end unassigned funds that was able to be done and the trust fund didn't need to be touched. This article is to reflect the update of the percentage.

All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,264,179.00 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (This amount does not include any other warrant articles) (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move the article as written made by James Kennett. Seconded by Nicole King. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

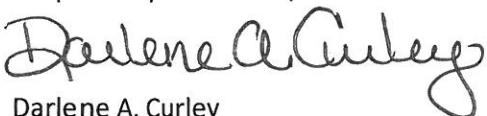
Article 7: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Motion to move the article as written made by Kyle Haley. Seconded by Nicole King. Timothy Brooks gave his thanks to everyone for all of their efforts and thanks to Joseph Hakey for the school looking phenomenal. Superintendent Cadarette introduced and thanked Principal Bridger DeWitt, Special Education Administrator Michelle Mason, Director of Technology Shane Cloutier, and introduced Heather McMann who will be next year's Business Administrator for SAU 58. Kyle Haley thanked Superintendent Cadarette for all of her support & efforts this year. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Moderator Macdonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Timothy Brooks. No discussion. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene A. Curley