

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Stratford School Board

In attendance:

Dr. Ronna Cadarette - Superintendent of Schools - Present

Heather McMann, Business Manager - Present

Kyle Halye, Board Chair - Present

James Kennett Board Member - Present

Nicole King, Board Member - Present

Bridger DeWitt, SPS Principal - Present

Daniel Khuu - Video Track Train Retain

1. Call to Order@ 5:29pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Minutes

A. November 17, 2021 - Public and Nonpublic - James Kennett made a motion to accept minutes from the 11/7 board meeting Nicole King seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0

4. Reports - James Kennett made a motion to accept reports as presented. Nicole King seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0

A. Superintendent - Dr. Cadarette

B. Principal - Mr. DeWitt shared events that happened and are happening at school since the last School Board meeting.

C. Student Services Administrator

D. Business Manager

5. Continuing Business -

A. Current Budget Report - Heather McMann shared changes to the tuition for special education students which appear as a cost savings at this time.

B. Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Para Insurance - Kyle Haley asked about how the paras are negotiated and questions about the single medical insurance being offered. Dr. Cadarette and Heather McMann made the board aware that it is a single plan only and that it is recommended with the intent to attract quality people to the area. Dr. Cadarette clarified that paras are not part of the STA and they do not qualify to form their own collective bargaining unit.

Nicole King - asked about the nurses contract line in the budget. Heather McMann indicated that all SAU nurses have signed contracts, as with us now as Indian Steam is closing.

Heather McMann tuition - differences in budget due to change in tuition costs. Nicole King mentioned there were no new big numbers.

The board discussed putting Guidance in the budget completely and not using the Care Act funds. The additional day for Guidance is something that will be needed going forward due to affects of the pandemic. James Kennett motioned to table discussions until next meeting Nicole King seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Dr. Cadarette talked about a \$7k tech budget increase, adding more to the budget. Also, anticipate savings in technology. The new tech director has ideas on how to do this.

James Kennett asked if the increase to substitute pay helped with getting subs. Mr. DeWitt noted there is no difference noted at this time.

Warrants: Need to be written up: in order of importance as this is how they are funded.

Technology - Maintenance - Special Education- High School tuition are suggested at this time

6. New Business

Trainings : Social & Emotional course through the SAU for PD days and Early Release. Recently received training with David Flood on
Accepting & Tolerance with others

“Shake the trees” for Title 1, subs & account payables person

7. Public Comment of Agenda Items

A. Public Comments

No public comments

8. Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (a-e) (if needed)

A. (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him/her, unless the employee affected (a) has a right to a meeting; and (b) requests that the meeting be open in which case the request will granted.

B. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee

C. (c) Matters, which if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

D. (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

E. (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body of agency of any sub-division thereof, or against any member thereof because of his/her membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

9. SAU Joint Board Meeting/Budget Hearing

A. Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - 5:30pm - Groveton High School

10. Next School Board Meeting

A. Wednesday, January 12, 2022 - 5:30pm - Stratford Public School

11. Adjourn - James Kennett made a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm
Kyle Halye seconded. Motion passed 2-0.