

DRAFT - SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

Stratford Public School Budget Hearing and Board Meeting Feb 9, 2022 @ 5:30 in the MPR

In attendance:

Dr. Ronna Cadarette - Superintendent of Schools
Heather McMann, Business Manager -
Kyle Haley, Board Chair
James Kennett, Board Member
Nicole King, Board Member
Bridger DeWitt, SPS Principal
Michelle Mason, Special Ed Director

1. Call to Order by K. Haley @ 5:34

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by K. Haley

3. BUDGET HEARING

A. Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

- Discussed the Mentor/New Teacher program

Motion to accept the proposed budget by J. Kennett seconded by N. King. Motion passed 3-0

B. Comparative Budget Summary - Reviewed - no questions

Motion to approve by J. Kennett seconded N. King Motion passed 3-0

C. Estimated Revenues - Reviewed - no questions

D. Estimated Tax Rate - discussed H McMann will do a presentation at the town meeting. A handout will also be passed out to show the tax rate change along with the current tax rate if the budget is approved as it is.

Warrant Articles read as written

4. Adjourn Budget Hearing -

N. King motioned to end the budget meeting with no further discussion and return to the School board meeting. @ 6:12pm

Motion seconded by J. Kennett. 3-0 motion approved.

5. Minutes

N. King motioned to amend the spelling of her name in the last school board meeting minutes. J Kennett seconded the motion. 3-0 Motion passed.

A. January 12, 2022 - Public and Nonpublic

6. Continuing Business

A. 2022-2023 Tuition

Discussed Tuition and that it is just under the state average. Discussed possible added tuition concerns.

7. New Business

A. Student Drop-Off

Student drop off and pick up safety was discussed. A plan going forward was put into place.

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B. PAWS

A discussion that the parents are thinking about starting PAWS- needs to be approved. Has to have submitted nonprofit tax paperwork. Anyone on the committee has to go through the background and fingerprinting process.

Review of Warrant Articles as read

Motion to approve Warrant Article 1 as read by K. Haley seconded by N King. All in favor 3-0 Motion passes

Motion to approve Warrant Article 2 by K. Haley Seconded by N King. All in favor 3-0 Motion passes

Motion to approve Warrant Article 3 as read by K. Haley seconded by J Kennett. All in favor 3-0 Motion passes

Warrant Article 4 changed to add 50,000 to Special Ed Fund for a total of 219,610.00 as read by J. Kennett seconded by K. Haley. All in favor 3-0 Motion passes

Motion to approve Warrant Article 5 as read by K. Haley seconded by N. King All in favor 3-0 Motion passed.

A discussion on masks optional while in school. Federal law states that masks are mandatory on the school bus. Effective Monday February 14, 2022 Masks will be optional while in school, the three feet separation rule is still in effect. CDC rules on quarantine for 5 days, masks for 5 days will still be in effect. If a student doesn't stay masked for the 5 days after quarantine while at school, he/she will be sent home to complete the 5 days of mask.

Motion to be masks optional at school by James Kennett seconded by Kyle Haley. All in favor 3-0 Motion passed

Update on school fundraiser. Over 2,000 donated to teacher's classrooms.

Kyle Haley's last board meeting - Thanked the board for the experience. All wished him well.

8. Public Comment of Agenda Items

A. Public Comments - No comments

9. 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 affect adversely 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.

10. Annual School District Meeting

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A. Monday, March 7, 2022 - 6:00pm - Stratford Public School

11. Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by K. Haley and seconded by James Kennett. All in favor 3-0

Adjourn @ 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kennett