

Clarksville School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	12/14/2020						
Time	5:00 p.m.						
Location	Clarksville Town Hall						
Chairperson	Michel Dionne						
Attendance							
Attendance Legend: P – Present A – Absent E - Excused							
School Board Members			Principal			SAU Members	
P	Michel Dionne				Elaine Sherry	P	Debra Taylor
P	Heather Mitchell					P	Cheryl Covill
Public in Attendance:							

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chairman, Michel Dionne

Hearing of the Public:

- To withdraw up to \$75,000 from the Tuition Expendable Fund for unanticipated tuition costs.

H. Mitchell / M. Dionne: Motion to approve withdrawing up to \$75,000 from Tuition Expendable Fund for unanticipated tuition costs.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Reading of the Minutes:

H. Mitchell / M. Dionne: Motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2020 as written.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Elaine Sherry

- None

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- Discussed COVID cases in the area as provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and the volatility of movement.
- Parent survey has been opened for input on returning to school.
- At the Colebrook board meeting, last night parents and students attended inquiring about opening the school for basketball practice.
 - The school board voted to allow practice to begin on December 7th for skills and drills and formal practice beginning December 14th. COVID guidelines must be followed.
- Early release for teachers next week. Staff will begin working on curriculum.
- Positive feedback on remote learning has been received.
- Debra Taylor presented her goals for this year:
 - Provide leadership during the pandemic
 - Provide support in curriculum development
 - Providing high-quality professional development activities
 - Support the work of the Connecticut River Collaborative Committee

Business Administrator: Cheryl Covill

- Updated the school board on the CARES Grants and Supplemental Public School Response Fund
- Reviewed the Budget Analysis for FY 2020-2021
 - Due to an increase in the number of students the estimated year-end balance is projected as a deficit in the amount of \$65,000.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- RFP – School Bus Transportation
 - Received one quote from WW Berry Transportation. The rate will increase by 2% per year for the 5-year period. Rate per day, per bus for 2021- 2022 will be \$260.06 plus a Fuel Escalation clause over \$2.95/gallon of fuel.

M. Dionne / H. Mitchell: Motion to approve the quote from WW Berry Transportation pending voter approval in March.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Budget 2021-2022
 - Presented the Preliminary Budget to the School Board.
 - The budget will increase by approximately \$ 152,410 over the prior year.
 - Revenue is projected at a decrease of \$ 57,732 due to the large balance on hand FY 2020 to reduce taxes.

Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:

- Connecticut River Collaborative Exploratory Committee:
 - The following subcommittees have met
 - Facility
 - Naming of the School
 - Finance Committee – in process of gathering data
 - Attorneys will be coming to the meeting to discuss the articles of agreement
 - Each board is discussing each district's preference on the grade span
 - An elementary grade span has not been discussed at the school board level in the past

Information: None

Other Business: None

Meeting Reminders:

- Clarksville School Board Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, @ 5:30 pm – Pittsburg School Library

Adjournment:

H. Mitchell / M. Dionne: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Adopted 01/11/2021