

TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET

DATE: 2-3-04
TIME 7:05-7:35 pm
PLACE: E. Kingston Elementary School

Present: R. Poelaert, School Board Chair
D. Miller, School Board
J. Eaves, Principal
J. Frew, Assist. Superintendent

Visitors: J. Edmiston - EKES Staff Rep.
2 Residents of EK.
K. Fitzgibbon
R. Simpson
N. Looney, SAU Assist. Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by R. Poelaert.

A slide of the budget "pie chart" prepared by N. Looney was on display for the edification of the audience. (I am sure there would have been more slides, had there been more interest). There were also prepared packets of info available.

Discussion included the fact that increase in this year's budget is 3.5%, including the warrant article request of \$35,000.00 to fund an expendable trust known as the "Special Education Trust Fund." In response to a question from the audience (KF), it was stated that since the budget this year does not leave much room for unanticipated expenses, it was the consensus of the Board that such a fund would (hopefully) insure that the budget would not go into deficit should an unexpected spec ed need arise. It was further stated that it is the intention of the Board to maintain this fund at the \$35,000.00 level each year (i.e. - of course, money cannot be spent from this fund for anything other than spec ed, and if some money is spent, at the next District Meeting a request to replace expended funds would be put before the voters).

J. Eaves responded to a request for more information regards spec ed students, how they are identified, what type of services are offered etc from another member of the audience (RS).

Some further discussion re the good position the EKES is in as regards debt payoff, level student enrollment for the next few yrs, etc. was held. Noted that the new housing being built in EK will not impact on enrollment, but certainly will have a beneficial effect on tax base.

After 100% participation from the audience, with all questions answered, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommie Levesque, Secretary.
Minutes distributed 2/5/04.

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TIME 7:40 - 8:20 PM
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D. Miller, School Board
J. Eaves, Principal
J. Frew, Assist. Superintendent

Visitors: J. Edmiston, EKES Staff Rep.
K. Fitzgibbon, EK resident
N. Looney, SAU Assist. Business Mgr.

Manifests were signed prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by the Chair.
2. NON-PUBLIC SESSION
May be called at any time in accordance with Chapter 91A:311 a, b, c, d, e.
Motion by D. Miller to move into N-P Session at 8:15 PM in accordance with Chapter 91A:311 C. Seconded by R. Poelaert. All in favor.

Motion carried.

The purpose of this meeting was to update the Board on employee and student related matters. No motions made during this F-Y-I session.

Motion not to seal minutes by D. Miller, seconded by R. Poelaert, all in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion to move out of N-P Session at 8:20 PM by D. Miller, seconded by R. Poelaert. All in favor.

Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
3.1 Motion by D. Miller, seconded by R. Poelaert, with all in favor to accept the minutes of the 1/5/04 meeting as written.
Motion carried.

4. VISITORS
4.1 J. Edmiston recognized as EKES Staff Rep.

4.2 N. Looney engaged in discussion with the Board re School District Meeting in March. Slides and handouts will be prepared to reflect the comparison of components of the budgets in SAU 16 schools. Noted that, overall, comparisons are equal among schools, with adjustments needed for number of students, bus routes, etc.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR
No report.

6. REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPAL
6.1 Budget
Budget forms signed off by Board - all in order. Will be posted.

6.2 Maintenance Update (Ed Oddo not in attendance).

J. Eaves reported that the following areas are being addressed by E. Oddo:

- Heating/air handler work - motor replacement, new back-up motor purchased.
 - Thermostat work - at present some thermostats are being activated manually - this is being corrected.
 - E. Oddo is getting 2 more estimates regards security system.
 - A refrigerator in the kitchen required 'refueling' with Freon. The firm doing the refueling feels that the coils in the refrigerator will need replacement at a cost of \$1000.00. J. Oddo will be getting other quotes on this work.
 - Roof leaks are being addressed.
 - Ground water issues are being addressed. A report was distributed in this regard, and subject will be placed on the agenda for March.
- J. Eaves and J. Frew spoke to the positive aspects of having E. Oddo assist in the maintenance program at EKES .

6.3 Report on lunch program. \$768.00 profit this month. Projected fund equity is \$6,815.69.

7. REPORT FROM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

7.1 Financial report.

Reports distributed. Projected fund equity \$82,568.74.

7.2 Warrant article.

Board signed warrant article. Will be prepared for posting.

7.3 SAU Policies, Second Reading.

Tabled until next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

D. Miller noted that the Recreation Department is preparing early spring clean-up of the Cole house to make ready for renovations and storage area as discussed.

Some discussion regards present septic system. R. Poelaert and D. Miller will be evaluating this.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. Miller, seconded by R. Poelaert, with all in favor to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommie Levesque, Secretary

Minutes circulated: 2/5/04 Next Meeting 3/1/04.