

January 20, 2011

Tamworth School Board

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Tamworth School Board was held at the Kenneth A. Brett School on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 5:30pm. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laura Pike. Present were board members Laura Pike, Charlie Pugh, John Cleveland and David Farley, Superintendent Jay McIntire, Principal Rob Troon, Special Ed. Director Raina Chick, Finance Manager Barb Clifford, and Secretary Kathi Brown.

2. Approval of Agenda

Per Charlie Pugh, under 9c it should not read none. It should include: To open this year's teachers contract to include an early retirement clause. John Cleveland made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. David Farley seconded the motion. Motion passed

3. Approval of Minutes (December 16, 2010)

David Farley made a motion to get it on the floor. John Cleveland seconded the motion. Under item #14 include: To open this year's teachers contract to include an early retirement clause. On page 1 under the PTA auction change it to read "Rob Troon informed the board that the recent PTA auction brought in around \$5,000.00 and a good night was had by all. At the end of this fiscal year, the PTA will be submitting a bill to the Tamworth School for reimbursement of field trip money spent this year, as the field trip money was supposed to have been put back in the budget and was not, believed Rob Troon. There was further discussion of the board questioning this." On page 3, under Special Education, remove the sentences "How to get consolidated school districts. Wants it on the annual agenda" and change it to "In favor of studying consolidating school districts, certain language is needed. To do this a warrant article is needed." On page #4, the last comment made by Laura Pike "At the next meeting she will go over her concerns in the budget." Change it to read "At the next meeting she will add her comments, since it is so late." The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Administration Reports

Superintendent

a. Superintendent

Jay McIntire gave board members his report.

Laura Pike would like information from the cost-to-quality group to share at the annual meeting.

Rob Troon stated that the NAEP test is only for 4th graders.

Laura Pike stated that there has been a one month extension regarding the busing issue at Chocorua Ski and Beach.

Jay McIntire stated that the issue at Chocorua Ski and Beach might not be coming back to the school board.

b. Principal

Rob Troon gave board members his report

Kindergarten Forum Update

Rob Troon thanked the many teachers and others involved for preparing and helping out with this forum.

There is a new Title 1 Math position, which is a preventative position for the lower grades.

The school board was informed of an upcoming spelling bee on January 26th.

c. Finance Manager

Expenditure Report

There is no expenditure report this month as there has not been enough time to restructure it, per the school board's request. \$244.00 has been saved in the treasurers bond. Laura Pike would like the expenditure report mailed to the school board members when it is ready.

d. Special Services Director

Nothing to report.

5. Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3 II a, b, c, d, e

Charlie Pugh made a motion to go into non-public at 5:56pm. David Farley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Action as a Result of Non-Public

The board came out of non-public at 6:35pm.

Charlie Pugh made a motion to approve the negotiated teacher's contract. John Cleveland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. 2011-2012 Draft Budget Discussion & Approval

A hand out was given out with the goal of a flat budget. \$6,247.00 needs to be added to the operations/maintenance of plant line, which will give a 0 increase in the budget.

Charlie Pugh spoke about the School Board Contingency line and asked what it is used for. Laura Pike stated that it could be used for possible work around the consolidation study or other items.

John Cleveland made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the addition of \$6,247.00 (as noted above) which brings the bottom line to \$5,871,203.00. All warrant items are included in this figure. David Farley seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

a. Capital Improvement Options

A hand out was given to board members and Jay McIntire recommended the following:

A. The board may use revenues from lease of the SAU office space this year(\$12,500.00) to offset costs of renovation.

- a. Hold a public hearing (with public notice per RSA 198 20bc) and then vote to use lease revenue to offset expenses this year.

- B. The board is the agent to expend capital reserve funds from its "renovations and emergency repairs capital reserve fund," so these funds can be expended with a simple vote of the board. This fund has approximately \$90,000.00 and can be used for renovations for the SAU office or for the renovations proposed in next year's budget.

There needs to be a public hearing, which will be scheduled before the next school board meeting. John Cleveland makes a motion to approve the above recommendation.

Charlie Pugh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Laura Pike wants a list available so the public can see and understand what the funds are being used for, what we did and how we paid for it, regarding the SAU office.

8. Visitor's Comments

Gail Marrone asked what the consolidation study is on. Laura Pike replied that it is to continue looking into consolidating services within our three districts and there are legal considerations to look at, we may need a consultant.

Kerry Brooks informed the board about the third annual girl's basketball tournament this coming weekend.

Gail Marrone asked why the SAU phone line is constantly busy. Jay McIntire stated that they changed phone companies and the phone line is not rolling over to the next line or voice mail. They are working to get the phone company to fix it.

9. Old Business

Laura Pike stated that items 9 and 10 will be put on next month's agenda as it is getting late.

a. Moderator

b. Job Description for District Treasurer

c. Actions in non-public from prior meeting

None

10. New Business

a. Policy on Use of Child Restraint - First Reading

11. Personnel

Johanna Vienneau intends to retire at the end of the year contingent upon the early retirement package. John Cleveland made a motion to accept her resignation and give her the early retirement package. Charlie Pugh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kerry Brooks submitted a letter for maternity leave. She plans to work until April vacation. The school board granted her the leave.

12. Adjournment

David Farley made a motion to adjourn at 7:17pm. John Cleveland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi S. Brown, Secretary
Draft Pending Board Approval