Joint Board Hearing & Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2019

School Board Members Present:
Nottingham: Susan Levenson, Chair
Northwood: Keith McGuigan
Strafford: Misty Lowe
Christine Dabrieo
Brian Winslow, Vice Chair
Kathryn Brosnan
Stephanie Arroyo
Amy Hanavan

Other Members:
Scott Reuning, Superintendent, SAU #44
Nate Byrne, Director of Student Services, SAU #44

1. Call to order by the Chair: 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda
   a. Public Hearing (SAU and Step by Step Preschool budget)
      i. Mrs. Levenson explained that we needed to have this additional meeting to comply
         with RSA 194-C:10 (the budgets needed to be posted for 7 days)
   b. Expenses and Revenue
4. Public Comments: None
5. Step by Step Preschool Budget:
   Mr. Reuning shared the budget section by section. Bottom line for 20-21 is $321,228.98, this is a
   reduction of $110,536.75. The reduction is based on some of the following items:
   a. Reduced rental: Northwood District is waiving a portion of the rent.
   b. Use of IDEA funds: IDEA funds will support part of the preschool
      coordinator costs.
   c. Reduction of related services as Strafford will not need them due to
      withdrawing from Step by Step Preschool.
   d. Both Nottingham and Northwood agreed to split the Step by Step
      costs 50/50 at a previous meeting.
      i. Pg. 3 Special Education Total – 1200 is $323,384.57
      ii. Pg. 4 ESY Total – 1420 is $6,517.55
      iii. Pg. 4 Physical/Occupational Therapy Services Total – 2163 is $31,332.86
      iv. Pg. 5 Staff improvement Total – 2210 is $2,000.00
      v. Pg. 5 Business Total – 2525 is $0.00
      vi. Pg. 5 Printing and Advertising Total – 2540 is $2,001.00
      vii. Pg. 6 Furniture, Equipment and Misc. Total – 2542 is $503.00
      viii. Pg. 6 Building Maintenance Total – 2620 is $1,640.00
6. SAU Budget:
   Mr. Reuning shared the budget section by section. Bottom line for 20-21 is $1,276,380.31, this is a
   reduction of $16,625.02. Mr. Reuning explained that the Finance Manager costs were moved entirely into
   the SAU budget to cover Strafford’s Preschool billing costs. Mr. Byrne explained the $16,000 revenue
line. Mrs. Levenson explained how the one-time expense of Tyler IVisions software impacted the budget. It appeared that the budget had reduced but the apportionment had increased.

i. Pg. 1 General – 0000 is ($16,000)
ii. Pg. 4 Office of Superintendent Total – 2320 is $352,982.69
iii. Pg. 5 Office of Grant Writer Total – 2323 is $16,731.93
iv. Pg. 6 Office of Student Services Total – 2330 is $297,928.03
v. Pg. 10 Office of Business Manager Total – 2540 is $550,563.18
vi. Pg. 10 Building Maintenance Total – 2620 is $62,774.48
vii. Pg. 10 Custodial Total – 2630 is $5,400.00

Mr. Reuning shared the revenues, which showed the SAU apportionments for each district and that the valuation was determined based on ADM and average of the towns’ value with utility.

viii. Northwood 29.42%, $370,803.89
ix. Nottingham 39.21%, $494,069.08
x. Strafford 31.38% $395,507.34

7. **Public Hearing Closed at 6:20**
8. **Joint Board Opened at 6:20**

Brian Winslow made a motion to approve the Step by Step budget, Christine Dabrieo 2nd. Motion passed 7-0-1.

Brian Winslow made a motion to approve the SAU budget, Christine Dabrieo 2nd. Motion passed 8-0.

Brian Winslow made a motion to approve the Revenue Report, Christine Dabrieo 2nd. Motion passed 8-0.

9. **Other:**

The Board held a discussion to allow Mr. Reuning to spend up to $300 for Christmas gifts for the SAU Staff. Keith McGuigan made a motion spend up to $300 for Christmas gifts for the SAU Staff, Christine Dabrieo 2nd, Motion passed 8-0.

Christine Dabrieo made a motion to adjourn, Kathy Bronsan 2nd. Motion passed 8-0. The Joint Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.