



Executive Board

AHEAD Board Room

February 1, 2023 Minutes 5:30pm approved 3-7-23

Present: E-Board members: Robert Weir, James Noyes, Christi Gignac, Dale Locke, Robert Adams, Kim Koprowski; Business Administrator, Toni Butterfield, Superintendent, Kate Segal

**I. Call to Order** made by Bob Weir at 5:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes made by Christi Gignac, seconded by Dale Locke, approved by all, motion carries.

**III. Public Input:** None

*Any citizen wishing to speak before the Board must sign in with the administrative assistant prior to the opening of the meeting. The visitor will identify themselves with their name and address and speak for no longer than five (5) minutes. See Board Policy BEDH.*

**IV. New Business:** Annual Meeting. Kim Koprowski asked if residents may have the opportunity to ask questions to the candidates for school board, before voting. Discussion included procedures, rules, and type of questions, and if questions could be submitted in advance. Board agreed to go back to district boards to see if there is an agreement for candidates to discuss their intent and qualifications, briefly (about 2 Minutes), if interested in doing so.

**V. Continuing Business.** Bus Bid Update. Business Administrator Toni Butterfield stated that Profile, Lafayette, and Landaff have approved one of the bids for a three year contract. Discussion included the area of each district, the age of the buses, the availability of having enough buses and enough bus drivers. The other Bethlehem and Lisbon boards will vote this month.

**VI. Standing Reports**

**A. Superintendent**

**School Closing & Delay Procedures** were updated and distributed to principals and added to each school's website on 10/5, 11/2, and 2/1.

Changes from last year include: contacting one road agent to all 7 town road Agents, 2 NH state road agents and North Country Superintendents, all schools using PowerSchool to High Schools using Power School and elementary schools using TeacherEase, dependent on wifi and cell

service. Berry Transportation requires contact before 5:00 a.m. Notchview Transportation requires contact between 5:30-6:00 a.m., for any delays or cancellations.

**Correspondence to/from Superintendent:** It was agreed that board members and SAU administration work together toward mutual trust and should discuss criticism in private, including emails. E-Board members and administration agreed that the concern for students and their safety is our top priority. Discussion included the District Board's role to establish policy and the Superintendent's role to implement procedures for policies.

**iPlatform:** Superintendent Segal explained that by 2/3/23 all New Hampshire Public School Districts must provide the link to their district and school report cards on iReports, which includes cost per pupil including special education costs. After presenting the iPlatform to the E-Board, Superintendent Segal handed out the NH DOE Cost Per Pupil January 26, 2023 Press Release which states that New Hampshire's cost per pupil continues to rise and the new statewide average cost per pupil is \$19,399.97, and has increased 78.4 percent since 2000. In addition, student enrollment across the state is steadily declining.

**B. Business Manager:** Business Administrator, Toni Butterfield reviewed the current SAU 35 Revenues and Expenses YTD. The 6/30/23 estimated ending balance is \$72,135.00. Tuition Rates for 2023-2024 were also discussed.

**VII. Staffing Notifications & Approvals:** None

**VIII. Non Public Session as per RSA 91A:3. I, II**

A motion to go into Non-Public to discuss Tuition Agreements, Tuition, and Attorney recommendations, followed by a discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation was made by James Noyes, seconded by Kim Koprowski, passing by a roll call vote at 6:27p.m.

**IX. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Bob Adams at 8:08, seconded by James Noyes. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2023

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Superintendent Kate Segal gave information to the board on Tuition Agreements, Tuition, and Attorney recommendations from the previous school years. She stated that the purpose was to give board members information, not to make any judgements. She explained that it is important to bring to the attention of the E-Board, as she reports directly to the E-Board, and in addition, the tuition discussed includes tuition that the Landaff School District pays out to the Lisbon, Lafayette, and Profile Districts. She thought it would be helpful to have the input from James Noyes as he is on the New Hampshire School Board Association, and might have some insight into a future resolution. Discussion ensued. The E-Board agreed that the next step is for the Landaff and Lisbon boards to develop a plan moving forward that is in the best interest of students, and meets legal obligations. Christi Gignac thanked the Superintendent for bringing this information to the attention of the e-board and expressed her concern for making future decisions, taking into consideration the best interests of students in all districts.

Superintendent Kate Segal and Business Administrator Toni Butterfield left the meeting at 7:41p.m. Board members discussed the process for the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion to come out of Non-Public at 8:07 pm was made by Kim Koprowski, seconded by Bob Adams, followed by a roll call vote approving the motion.