



SAU 35 Executive Board

DATE: January 7th, 2025

Library – Profile High School, 691 Profile Road, Bethlehem, NH 03574

Budget Hearing – 7:00 pm

Present: Chair Robert Weir (Bethlehem), James Noyes (Bethlehem), Arthur Boutin (Lisbon), Matthew Copithorne (Landaff), Adam Boyer (Profile), Amy Mullins (Lafayette), Clerk Rhiannon Copithorne, Superintendent Kate Segal, Business Administrator Toni Butterfield

Public: Brenda Aldrich

I. Call to Order

CHAIRMAN BOB WEIR CALLED THE BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.

II. SAU 35 FY 2025-2026 Budget

Bob Weir presented the budget for 2025-2026 highlighting that it is an overall increase of less than 1% which is only \$1,054.

Brenda Aldrich stated that it is great that the increase is only 1% but she would have liked it to have gone down. She feels that \$191K for the Superintendent and \$147K for the Business Manager seem too high, especially when four years ago it was much lower. The board confirmed that these salaries are less than the standard for the area and that these amounts include benefits which have increased considerably. Discussion ensued regarding salaries and benefits.

Bob Weir stated that the SAU and the board try their best to control costs and limit the budget increase.

Brenda Aldrich asked how the shares are calculated. Toni Butterfield confirmed that it is based on the number of students from two years ago and valuation.

The board thanked Brenda for attending the hearing and sharing her feelings. Brenda thanked the board for holding the meeting, she was disappointed that she was the only member of the public in attendance.

III. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY JAMES NOYES, SECONDED BY MATTHEW COPITHORNE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:17 PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Notice is hereby made that public comment shall be made without expectation of a response by any School Board member to matters raised by such commentary. The Board will not hear personal complaints about school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system. The expectation of all in attendance is to conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Board respects the right of the public to communicate its stance of matters of interest, but meetings are scheduled in advance to conduct business put forth on its publicly posted agenda only.