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SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Scotland, Connecticut  
Meeting Minutes - Special Meeting  
April 20, 2021

Chairperson Brynn Lipstreu called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Present were Board members Sherry Smardon , Steven Kurcinik, Cassidy Martin, Scott Sears, Rod Perry and Bill Trudelle.

Administrators present was Superintendent Dr. Francis Baran

Also present were Dr, Gary Greenberg, First Selectman, and Tim Smith

2021-2022 BOE Budget:

Draft version of the 2021-2022 BOE budget was reviewed with the following discussion:

Dr. Baran stated that a recent letter from the state indicated that we will have to pay additional unemployment compensation as the state ruled in favor of two employees.

Rod Perry discussed the potential of reducing the work year for the principal as the current length is longer than most schools. Current contract calls for 220 days.

Motion made by Rod Perry to reduce the principal's work year from 220 days to 198 days.

Seconded by Sherry Smardon.

Vote: Yes: Bryn Lipstreu, Bill Trudelle, Rod Perry, Steve Kurcinik.

No: Scott Sears, Cassidy Martin

Abstained: Sherry Smardon

Motion passed

Dr. Greenberg asked how the bus monitors were paid and if their salaries as well as related unemployment would be covered by Covid funding. Tim Smith stated that they were paid out of the grant funds.

Bill Trudelle asked if Covid related cleaning supplies could be reduced as current CDC recommendations reduce the amount of cleaning required. Dr. Baran stated that he has not reviewed the current CDC Covid requirements.

Utilization of CNR funds to pay for needed technology equipment was discussed.

Dr. Greenberg mentioned that the BOE tends to have large surpluses each year and that impacts the mill rate which is set on the total approved BOE budget. Purchasing items

for next year could possibly be purchased with this year's budget as surplus funds are anticipated.

Bill Trudelle made a motion to reduce the technology equipment, line 103, 57300 to \$7,500.

Seconded by Sherry Smardon. Motion passed unanimously.

General supplies were also discussed with the potential to reduce the budgeted amount.

Bill Trudelle made a motion to reduce general supplies, line 154, 56010, to \$7,785.

Seconded by Scott sears.

Yes: Bryn Lipstreu, Scott Sears, Sherry Smardon, Rod Perry, Bill Trudelle, Cassidy Martin.

No; Steve Kurcinik.

Motion passes.

Principal's salary based on the shorter work year was discussed.

Sherry Smardon made a motion to reduce the principal's salary, line 128, 51901, by \$10,000.

Seconded by Scott Sears. Passed unanimously.

Superintendent's salary was discussed. Dr. Baran stated that the salary should be no more than 45% of a full time position.

Sherry Smardon made a motion to adjust the superintendent's salary, line 114, 51901, to \$57,219. Seconded by Cassidy Martin.

Yes: Bryn Lipstreu, Rod Perry, Bill Trudelle, Cassidy Martin, Scott Sears, Sherry Smardon.

No: Steve Kurcinik

Motion passed

Dr. Baran recommended reducing the music position to 2.5 days and to have band sessions as an after school activity in order to prevent students from missing regular classes.

Motion to enter executive session to select the search committee members for the principal search made by Sherry Smardon. Seconded by Scott Sears. Passed unanimously.

Dr.Greenberg was invited to attend. Dr.Baran was not present for this session.

Entered executive session at 8:43 PM.

Exited executive session at 8:57 PM.

Tim Smith provided an updated 2021-2022 BOE draft budget that included approved changes.

This budget represents a 1.98% increase over the current school year's budget.

Sherry Smardon made a motion to approve this revised draft BOE budget for 2021-2022.

Seconded by Rod Perry. Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made. by Sherry Smardon,

Seconded by Scott Sears.

Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rod Perry, BOE Secretary