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Bethlehem School Board
Bethlehem Elementary School
September 12, 2023
Public Hearing at 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES-DRAFT

The purpose of a public hearing is to discuss the acceptance of an increase adequacy aid pursuant to RSA 197:3-a

Present: Principal Sue Greenlaw, Superintendent Kate Segal, Business Manager Toni Butterfield, Board Members; Bob Weir, James Noyes, Margaret Hocking, Sarah Storella, Sheryl Pratt

I. Call to Order

CHAIRMAN BOB WEIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:09 P.M.
ROLL CALL: NOYES, LUCAS, WEIR, HOCKING, STORELLA.

II. Public Hearing Discussion

Auditor Sheryl Pratt from Plodzik & Sanderson reviewed the adequacy aid that is to be voted on in March in the amount of \$45,466. A Special Meeting to present the warrant will be held Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to act on Article 1. This special meeting of the Bethlehem School District is being called pursuant to RSA 197:3-a to allow the school district to respond to statutory changes in funding, which have taken effects after the adoption of the school district FY2024 budget and resulted in an increase in the distribution of State funds for education to the Bethlehem School District pursuant to RSA 198:41. The warrant reads:

Article 1: Shall the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,466.00 with this appropriation to be in addition to the amount previously voted from the support of schools at the March 2023 Annual School District Meeting and to be used for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, with such sum to come from increases in the District's adequate education grant (RSA 198:41) received from the State of New Hampshire in the current fiscal year (majority vote required)

Business Manager Butterfield passed out to the Board an outline of what will happen after receiving the adequacy aid and clarified the year going forward.

III. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY JAMES NOYES SECONDED MARGARET HOCKINGS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:21 P.M. 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 on matters of interest, but meetings are scheduled in advance to conduct business put forth on its publicly posted agenda only.