

NEK Choice School District

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:00 PM Meeting held remotely with public able to call into meeting ID #828 1929 3846

Members Present: Carla Curtis, Donna Loynd, Sonia Peters, Patty Brown, Tim Thompson, Sharon Ellingwood-White, Lyn Schmucker, Betsy Fontaine, Melanie Staats, Miles Etter

Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Bridget Cross, Beth Lemnah, Jennifer Lawcewicz, Francis Loynd

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

II. On a motion made by, Patty Brown seconded by Sonia Peters, the Board approved the meeting minutes of February 22, 2021; vote 7-0-2.

III. General Public Comments

IV. Report of the Superintendent

1. Discussed the NEK Choice School District Informational Presentation with specific questions asked around PreK options for new families in New Hampshire.
2. Reviewed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes to Fund Balance and NEK Choice School District Expenditure Report as of May 13, 2021. Discussed future impact of Act173 legislation if approved to support special education needs.
3. Reviewed the NEK Director of Student Services Summary dated May 14, 2021 with an update on the progress for supports and services from Independent Schools. Jenn Lawcewicz reported the increase of Medicaid reimbursements up by \$10,000 as of November. Board was informed of a potential NEK Choice residential placement based on student needs.

V. Appointments and Resignations

VI. Other Business

1. Committee board members Sharon Ellingwood-White and Miles Etter provided an update on the Connecticut River Collaborative Planning Committee (Interstate) taking a break through the summer and the potential impact of the NEK Choice District.
2. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 6:00 PM – (TBD) Discussed next meeting location and will wait for guidance from the state once the Governor's Emergency Order is lifted to see if remote meetings will still be allowed.

VII. The Board reviewed recent bills and electronically signed warrants for the total payment of:

NEK Total \$1,422,986.44

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rena Call