

NEK Choice School District
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2021
6:00 PM – Maidstone Town Hall with Remote Option Available

Members Present: Tim Thompson, Carla Curtis, Melanie Staats, Donna Loynd, Sonia Peters, Lyn Schmucker, Betsy Fontaine, Patty Brown **Administration/Public Present:** Karen Conroy, Bridget Cross, Jennifer Lawcewicz

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.
- II. On a motion made by, Tim Thompson seconded by Donna Loynd, the Board approved the meeting minutes of May 20, 2021; vote 8-0-0.
- III. **General Public Comments**
- IV. **Report of the Superintendent**
 1. Reviewed the NEK Choice School District presentation with updates on increased enrollments by town and the schools where students are attending.
 2. Reviewed the NEK Director of Student Services Summary dated September 7, 2021 with the approximate savings of \$80,000 from identifying discrepancies on invoices per IEP.
 3. Reviewed the NEK Associate Director of Student Services Summary dated September 7, 2021 including the decrease in IEP case loads for the district. We have 57 students, 24 students on IEPs, 32 students on 504s and one is homeschooled.
 4. Discussed the Riverside School Special Education Letter dated August 24, 2021 with Riverside School not receiving the recommendation for Special Education approval.
 5. Discussed FY21-22 online and blended learning opportunities for students and how the approved distance learning schools are only available to students to supplement learning.
 6. Reviewed 2020-2021 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance and General Fund Balance Sheet dated June 30, 2021 with split concerns from the board on the amount of set aside reserve of \$487,596. Discussed providing a budget report with expenditures and encumbrances at next meeting.
 7. Reviewed the FY22 finalized tax rates for the district coming in at \$.2772 lower than anticipated.
- V. **Appointments and Resignations**
- VI. **Other Business**
 1. Discussed the notice on tuition payment model policy change from VSBA dated August 31, 2021 and will warn policy change for next meeting.
 2. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Maidstone Town Hall. Also added tentative meeting to the calendar of January 20th 6:00PM
- VII. **Adjournment**
 1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rena Call