

NEK Choice School District
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021
6:00 PM – Maidstone Town Hall

Members Present: Lyn Schmucker, Sonia Peters, Miles Etter, Carla Curtis, Besty Fontaine, Darcy Smart, Sharon Ellingwood

Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Jennifer Lawcewicz, Christa Shute, Bob Champagne-Willis, Andrea

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2021 tabled until the next meeting.

III. General Public Comments

1. Christa Shute was present as the Executive Director from NEK Broadband looking for support from Lemington, Granby and Victory in upgrading broadband access with no burden to the taxpayers.
2. Marc Schaubert representing the Coalition for Vermont Student Equity spoke to the board their advocacy work for equity with the on the Pupil Weighting Funding Formula.
3. On a motion made by Miles Etter seconded by Sonia Peters, the Board approved joining the Coalition for Vermont Student Equity; vote 7-0. Sharon Ellingwood left the meeting after the vote.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

1. Reviewed the Report of the Director of Student Services dated December 10, 2021.
2. Provided updates on current enrollment, schools in attendance and estimated FY23 tuition rates.
3. Reviewed the FY23 proposed budget (#2) with impact on tax rates by individual community.
4. On a motion made by Sonia Peters seconded by Darcy Smart, the Board approved the FY23 Proposed Budget (#2) ; vote 6-0.

V. Appointments and Resignations

VI. Other Business

1. Discussed the Elections and Terms of School Board Members. Besty Fontaine is interested in running again for Norton. Need to confirm interest in Kirby and Victory.
2. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Maidstone Town Hall.

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

NEK Total \$2,502,428.93

VIII. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Adrianna Castonguay