

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD

SAU #68

DATE: May 8, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Jay Duguay, Chairperson
Mandi Avery
Kevin Bell
Joe Bossie
Casey Caulder
Tamra Ham
Jasmine Weeden

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF/STUDENT PRESENT:

Judith McGann, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Jason Robert, Principal
Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager
Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent
Bart King, Technology Support
Rebecca Steeves, Teacher Representative

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Kristene Klepser
Megan Woods
Bob Nelson
Maureen Polimeno
Students: Mae Plant, Chuck Plant, Isla Caulder, Raylynne Shamberger, Dawson Woods, Riley Clark, Jackson Bell, and Caleb Clermont

Marcella Shamberger
Shawn Woods
Casey Leonard

PUBLIC PRESENT REMOTELY:

Melissa Sabourn
Kristie Morris
Paula Houde
Kristyn Fadden

The Public Hearing was held in the Elementary School MPR.

School Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay called the hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

Jay Duguay mentioned the hearing was being held regarding the use of up to one hundred seventy-four thousand dollars (\$174,000) from the 5% retention from the fund balance per RSA 198:4-b:II for the replacement of flooring in the Lin-Wood Middle School as part of a multi-year project.

Jay Duguay opened the Public Hearing to public comment.

Tamra Ham explained the District is allowed to retain up to 5% of the unassigned fund balance at the end of each fiscal year. This money can be utilized for school projects after a public hearing is held and the information must be included in the annual report. Instead of placing a warrant article regarding the flooring project this year, the Board decided to access the retained fund balance for the project. The retained funds have no current-year impact to tax-payers as the funds are retained from the prior year's unassigned fund balance. The remainder of the unassigned fund balance, as well as unused retained funds from the prior year, are returned to the tax payers during the tax rate setting process.

Debbie O'Connor mentioned, due to some breaks in the time-line, the District is approximately eight years into the flooring replacement project. After this year there is one more flooring section in the Middle/High School that will need to be replaced then flooring replacement will continue in the Elementary School.

Joe Bossie noted after this year, there are approximately two to three more years remaining for the project.

Debbie O'Connor mentioned the quote received from EdgePro Flooring and accepted by the Board was for one hundred, fifty-nine, five hundred forty-five dollars (\$159,545). The remainder of the up to amount requested of one hundred

seventy-four thousand dollars (\$174,000) will be utilized for any extra change orders or unexpected charges associated with the project if necessary.

Jay Duguay mentioned the flooring replacement is the only project slated to utilize the retained fund balance this fiscal year.

Public comment: None

Joe Bossie made a motion to use up to one hundred, seventy-four thousand dollars (\$174,000) from the 5% retention from the fund balance per RSA 198:4-b:II for the replacement of flooring in the Lin-Wood Middle School. Tamra Ham seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and motion carried unanimously.

Tamra Ham made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Jasmine Weeden seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the hearing closed at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent