

**LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD**

**SAU #68**

**DATE: December 14, 2022**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**FUNDING FORMULA EXCERPT**

**SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:**

Jay Duguay, Chairperson  
Brian Angelone

Kevin Bell  
Joe Bossie  
Jasmine Weeden

Tamra Ham

**SCHOOL BOARD ABSENT:**

Ashley Youngheim

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:**

Judith McGann, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager

Jason Robert, Assistant Principal  
Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Bart King, Technical Support

Rebecca Steeves, Teacher Representative

The School Board meeting was held in the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

**Meeting Call to Order:**

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

**Apportionment Funding Formula:**

- Jay Duguay asked if additional information was received from Charyl Reardon regarding Funding Formula scenarios.
  - Debbie O'Connor mentioned additional historical information was provided in the Board packets and she had spoken to Charyl Reardon and run current year scenarios. Using the proposed formula, with the current year scenarios, the overall town percentage split would sway a little more heavily towards Woodstock.
  - Tamra Ham mentioned if the Funding Formula is not changed, it can be revisited again next year or the year after. The Funding Formula must be kept for five years only if it is changed at a District meeting,
  - Tamra Ham noted the major project to get funded this year is the High School HVAC project and she expressed concern that adding the Funding Formula to the Annual School District meeting would muddy the Warrant
  - Kevin Bell asked what the process would be to bring the Funding Formula forward again next year? Would the Board need to vote to form a committee next year?
    - Jay Duguay answered yes, that would be the process and ultimately it is the Board's decision to move any Funding Formula change recommendations forward to the voters.
  - Jasmine Weeden noted a Funding Formula Committee may be comprised of different members next year and it would be key to keep the research and information gathered this year to be included in that Committee's discussions.

- Kevin Bell mentioned the need to educate the public on the Funding Formula and the process.
  - Debbie O'Connor noted the Board could hold Public Forums to educate the public.

**Jay Duguay made a motion to keep the current Funding Formula. Tamra Ham seconded the motion.**

Discussion: Jay Duguay noted he did not want to discount the time and effort put into this process and expressed his appreciation to the Funding Formula Committee members. Jay Duguay mentioned there would not be a dramatic change to the tax payers if the Funding formula were changed at this point and the benefit of not taking action this year would be that the Formula could be looked at again in the near future. Kevin Bell noted it could be a Board Goal to hold Public Forums regarding educating the public on the Funding Formula. Kevin Bell asked if the Funding Formula could be discussed at the Annual School District Meeting when the District would have its' largest audience? Tamra Ham answered yes, it could be included under other business to legally come before the meeting. Superintendent McGann noted a plan could be put to in place for presentation at the District meeting. Tamra Ham asked to hear from Funding Formula committee member, Charyl Reardon. Charyl Reardon noted the facts and information have been presented to the Board and she hopes the Board will follow through with the Public Forums as discussed. **Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. Kevin Bell abstained. All other Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**