

Amherst School Board
Work Session
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Administrative Team: Peter Warburton, Superintendent, Adam Steel, Business Administrator

Amherst School Board: Amy Facey- Chair, Jim Manning – Vice Chair, Galen Tremblay, Elizabeth “Beth” Kuzsma, Paul Prescott

Minute Taker: Paul Prescott

Public: No one was present from the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Amy Facey

Chair Amy Facey called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

III. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Minutes

Elizabeth Kuzsma made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Item A. Minutes 1. December 15, 2016. Jim Manning seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2017-18 Amherst School District Budget

Adam Steel presented draft budget, default budget and the order of warrant articles for the Board for Public Hearing review.

The Board discussed non-union salary increase (22 people)

Jim Manning stated he feels consistency and rational in raises is important to be able to show equity and fairness. Jim Manning proposes 1.5% to be consistent with SAU. This will be added to the budget calculation.

47 Board members wanted to ensure the calculation of the Default Budget is transparent in public
48 session.

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50 The Board concluded that the Default Budget is greater than the proposed budget.

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52 **Beth Kuzsma motioned to bring forward to the public hearing a Default Budget calculation**
53 **of \$25,573,646. Galen Tremblay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion**
54 **passed.**

55 Amy Facey stated collective bargaining agreement to date (no update)

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57 B. Preparation for Public Hearing
58 Board reviewed the following:
59 - warrant articles
60 - past warrant articles for Special Education
61 - warrant article for Facilities
62 - Board members agreed to not add Article for Facilities' trust from surplus
63 until they have a completed facilities assessment.

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65 **Galen Tremblay motioned to bring forward to the public hearing Article 13. in the amount**
66 **of \$50,000 from surplus if available on June 30, 2017 for the Amherst School District fund**
67 **for educating students with disabilities. Beth Kuzsma seconded the motion. The vote was**
68 **unanimous, motion passed.**

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71 **Paul Prescott motioned to bring forward a budget to the public hearing in the amount of**
72 **\$25,427,899. Galen Tremblay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

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74 The Board reviewed and discussed the presentation for the public hearing.

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76 V. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

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78 VI. ACTION ITEM

79 A. Policies 1st Readings:
80 ▪ BA- School Board Self Evaluation and Goal Setting
81 ▪ BEA- Regular Board Meetings
82 ▪ BG- Board Policy Process
83 ▪ BGD – Board Review of Administrative Regulations
84 ▪ BHE – School Board Use of Email
85 B. Policy 2nd Readings:
86 ▪ ADB – Drug Free Workplace-Drug Free Schools
87 ▪ AE - Accountability
88 ▪ BDE – Committees and Delegates
89 ▪ JCA – Change of School Assignment
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91 **After the first reading, Jim Manning made a motion to move policies BA, BEA, BG, BGD**
92 **and BHE forward for a second reading. Beth Kuzsma seconded the motion. The vote was**
93 **unanimous, motion passed.**

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95 **After the second reading, Jim Manning made a motion to approve policies ADB, AE, BDE**
96 **and JCA. Beth Kuzsma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

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99 VII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II. (a) (b) (c)

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101 VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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103 IX. REVIEW OF MEETING/ADJOURN

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105 **At 8:10 pm Jim Manning made a motion to adjourn. Beth Kuzsma seconded the motion.**

106 **The vote was unanimous, motion passed.**