

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
AHEAD CONFERENCE ROOM  
260 COTTAGE STREET, FIRST FLOOR  
LITTLETON, NH 03561

DATE: MARCH 7, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 PM

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Board Chairman Luther Kinney; Board Members Christine Ash, Denys Draper, Dale Locke, Robert Adams; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Tina Peabody.

It was noted that Dale Locke of Landaff is attending this evening's meeting representing the Landaff District in the absence of Chrissy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kinney at 5:30 PM

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRISSEY SMITH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7,, 2017 MEETING AS WRITTEN. The following corrections were requested:

Page 1, paragraph 4, line 1 should read . . . SECONDED BY CHRISSEY SMITH TO APPROVE . . .  
Page 1, paragraph 8, line 3 should read . . . a change to the . . .

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture updated the Board on the various bills before the legislature concerning education.

HB525 which was to freeze the 4% annual decrease in the stabilization grant section of adequacy aid has been retained.

HB155 which was to fund Kindergarten on a full day basis per students has been retained. The superintendents are being told that this has been included in the governor's budget which has yet to be approved.

HB114 which was to fund 15% of the NH retirement is still alive and in committee.

SB193 which is being referred to as the voucher bill has been approved by the Senate Education Committee. ``This bill would allow funding of private and parochial schools along with Charter Schools and allow students to utilize the districts adequacy aid for this purpose. This would mean that public funds are being utilized for private institution tuitions. This bill is supported by both the Governor and the Commissioner of Education. It is estimated that this would cost \$80,000,000.00 annually which raises significant issues for the school districts. Where is this money to come from?

Superintendent Couture went on to comment that the current legislative session is painting a dismal picture for public education. He further noted that currently the NCCA (North Country Charter Academy) is a cost savings tuition for our districts when compared to the cost of an out-of-district placement. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent Couture presented a proposed change in Health Insurance coverage for the SAU employees. This would change all employees to the AB15/40IPDED plan. This is the same plan that negotiating districts approved this year. This will negate the 21% increase predicted in the GMR's. Superintendent Couture outlined the savings in the various categories (family, 2-person, and single) noting that the proposal is to split this savings between the employer and employee at a 60%/40% split, This would be a onetime only split and would be added to the staff members total payroll allotment. SAU Employees who were on board in 2010 are grandfathered at an 88%/12% split for premium costs. New employees are at an 80%/20% split. If approved, all employees will be on the same plan and the total savings would be \$11,430.55.

Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRISTINE ASH TO APPROVE THE INSURANCE CHANGEFOR SAU EMPLOYEES AS PRESENTED. THREE YES, ONE ABSTENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture presented Policy AC – Non-Discrimination for second reading and approval. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY ROBERT ADAMS, SECONDED BY CHRISTINE ASH TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised that Annual Meetings have begun. Bethlehem was held last evening and all articles passed. Lisbon will be held on Wednesday and Lafayette on Thursday. Landaff and Profile are scheduled for next week.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Manifests were circulated for Board review and signature.

Business Manager Peabody distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$31,109.33.

Business Manager Peabody distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected balance is 22,891.84. Ms. Peabody briefed the Board on the changes since the prior reporting period fielding questions as necessary.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY ROBERT ADAMS, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER TO ADJOURN AT 5:55: PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.D

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown  
Board Clerk