

November 7, 2011
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Harrisville-Wells Memorial School Board
Harrisville-Wells Memorial School, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Earl Horn, School Board Chair
Pam Thayer, School Board Member
Erik Anderson, School Board Member
Emily Hartshorne, Principal
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools
Tim Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns
Kathy Brady, Recording Secretary

Also in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting: David Belknap

1. **Call to Order:** Earl Horn called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** *Erik Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes of 10/19/11, as written, Pam Thayer seconded the motion, vote taken, 3 – 0, motion passes.*

3. **Bills and Manifests:** Checks # 2003407 – 2003438 in the amount of \$35,189.99 , #210251 in the amount of \$186.45, and # 2092311 in the amount of \$1135.94 were presented for approval. Pam Thayer made a motion to accept the above manifest, Erik Anderson seconded the motion, vote taken, 3 – 0, motion passes.

4. Financial Report:

Audit Review: Mr. Colby was not available this evening.

Tuition Rates: Mr. Ruehr reviewed the state cost per pupil formula and the pupil cost calculation. *Erik Anderson made a motion to accept the tuition rate of \$25,097 per year, Pam Thayer seconded the motion, vote taken, 3 – 0, motion passes.*

Bus Issue: It was discussed that the new proposed Cherry Hill run was not working with the snow banks, an alternate route is working.

Purchase of health coverage by Town of Harrisville: Selectman of Harrisville called Mr. Horn to seek approval to check with LGC regarding rates for insurance.

Pam Thayer made a motion to allow the Town of Harrisville to join LGC if it does not negatively impact the SAU 29 rates, Erik Anderson seconded the motion, vote taken, 3 – 0, motion passes.

Mr. Ruehr presented his report of revenue and expenditures; net available, as of November 7, 2011 is \$89,966.00

Use of School as an Emergency Shelter: Mr. Woolridge reviewed changes made to policy, which reflect last month's discussion. In paragraph 5 change "in the new wing below the ramped..." to read "in the original wing above the ramped..."

Mr. Belknap, from the audience, had some comments regarding the use of school as a shelter. Mr. Ruehr commented that Emergency Management needs to have someone put in "charge" of their piece when using the school as a shelter. Mr. Ruehr will check into how many phone lines we have in the building.

5. Public Input: David Belknap asked a question regarding town tuition and the relationship these figures have to the budget for 2012 – 2013.

6. Reports:

Principal: No Report

Co-Superintendent: Wayne Woolridge made a brief presentation on the following:

- KHS Science Test
- NAEP Test
- Waiver for NCLB
- Constitutional Amendments
- KHS Modified Block
- Voucher

Brief discussion ensued on voucher system and rural choice.

School Board Members: None

SAU 29 Committees: None

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

a. Mr. Horn presented a letter delivered to him regarding options for the school (in regard to remaining open or closed) Discussion ensued on the options presented in the letter. Mr. Horn reminded the board that the public has chosen to keep the school open; there is currently no mandate to close. Mr. Horn feels the board should allow Ms. Hartshorne to develop budget with Mr. Ruehr and Mr. Woolridge. The board should develop a longer-range plan to present in March. Mr. Horn would like to explore courting Sullivan to join Harrisville or Nelson. Mr. Horn offered to the board to approach the Sullivan committee. Both Mrs. Thayer and Mr. Anderson agreed that it was a good idea.

9. Future Agenda:

- Late bus from KMS
- Greg Colby Audit Review
- Use of School as Shelter, 2nd reading
- January – Status of KHS students

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Brady
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 12/21/11