

## ERVING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023**  
**SCHOOL 4:00 p.m.**

**ERVING ELEMENTARY**

**Present:** Jennifer Eichorn, Chair, Erik Semb, Mackensy Bailey, Katelyn Mailloux-Little, David Chagnon, Members; Jenifer Culkeen, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Canditio, EES Principal; Caitlin Sheriden, Director of Finance and Operations; Brittanie Mimitz, Minute Taker; Becky Alan, Rinky Black, Aubry Kojan, Joe Niebala, Scott Nicholas, Kristin Malone, Julian Mendoza, Lori Hale, Heather Peterson, Steve Kaczmarcuz, Jess Galvin, Jennifer Smith, Kathryn Buell, Wendy Upham, Leah Grace, Stephanie Barry, Jim Hanson, Melissa Mazella, Wendy Arnold, Andrea Elson, Rebecca Bosworth-Clemens, Laura George, Mark Burnett, Nettie Harrington Pangallo, Scott Bastarache, Brian Smith, Samantha Butynski, Michelle Arena, Mark Blatchley, Tracey Sarahceski.

### **Final Meeting Minutes**

**A. The meeting was called to order by Jenn at 4:06 p.m.**

**B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.**

#### **C. Old Business**

##### **• FY24 Draft of Budget\* -**

- Jenn started the budget discussion with some background on the budget process.
- The Superintendent clarified the discussion on reduction in teaching staff. The school committee determines the budget amount and areas.
- The budget scenarios were received by staff when they came into the meeting today.
- The committee went over scenario 1 and 2 at the previous meeting. Today they will go over scenario 3.
- Elizabeth asked why we wouldn't try to bring this budget to the town if this is what the students need.
- Jenn said cuts are happening everywhere. EES will need to make due with what we have. Enrollment has been decreasing but the budget continues to increase.
- This year the out of district placements were unexpected. They were taken out of a different account called Free cash. It looks like the school may be able to absorb some of the cost with surplus. By the end of the year the budget needs to be balanced.
- Can the 'out of district' transportation be placed in a separate budget? It has to stay in Education. The circuit breaker account is something to think about.
- Could the van be a shared expense in the future. It would be a very involved issue.
- The budget increase would move to 10.85% with the transportation cost moved aside. Currently the reimbursement rate is about 75% and the amount spent needs to be \$49,495. The circuit breaker foundation would hopefully reimburse about 75%.
  
- **A motion was made by Mackensy to move forward with scenario number 3; A budget of \$3,813,488 will be presented to the selectboard. The motion was seconded by Erik. AIF.**

#### **D. Future Business**

- **Next School Committee Meeting Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**
- **ESC/Select Board/FinCom meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**
- **Erving Policy Committee – Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

**E. A motion was made by Mackensy and seconded by Katelyn to adjourn the meeting at 4:51p.m.**

\* Enclosures

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittanie Mimitz  
Minute Taker