

BATH VILLAGE SCHOOL – WORK SESSION
March 21, 2018
Bath Village School

Board Members Present: Angela Bemis, Heather Engle and Matt Mulcahy.

Administration Present: Laurie Melanson, Kathryn Ducharme and Bernice Burroughs.

Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Budget Workshop: Ducharme informed the board that since the time that the board approved the proposed budget there had been an increase of \$51,217.00 due in large part to special education costs.

The board had tasked Principal Burroughs with bringing to the board a proposal to cut the budget. One possibility Burroughs presented was combining the Kindergarten/Grade 1 classrooms. This proposal would result in a savings of approximately \$32,500.00 because there would be a need to add an instructional assistant if the classrooms were combined with one teacher. There was a lengthy discussion between the board and the board and members of the public present regarding this proposal.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of reducing the tuition choices for incoming 7th grade students and 7/8 students in future years. Using tuition costs and discounts contracted for in the 2018- 2019 year this proposal would result in a savings of approximately \$23,500.00 in the first year with further savings possible in future years due to the reduction of bussing costs. Again, there was a lengthy discussion between the board and the board and members of the public present regarding this proposal. There was a discussion regarding SAU costs and potential savings by moving from SAU 23 to SAU 35.

Members of the public spoke to the board regarding their desire that the board not consider either of the above potential cost saving measures at this time and investigate other options for the future.

The public exited the meeting at 7:40pm.

The board had further discussions regarding the current budget, the potential risks and benefits of implementing either of the proposed cost savings measures and whether the board should move to increase the warrant article to incorporate the \$51,217.00 in tuition increases or leave it as presented.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Mulcahy made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm, seconded by Bemis, all in favor.

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