

Minutes of January 8, 2024
SAU 103 2cd Meeting

Attendance: Tom Seymour, Budget Committee Chairman, Wendy Rosa BC Secretary, Frank Razzaboni, ex-Officio Selectman, Betty Hanks, Joann Irving, Joan Machado, Frank Simeone, Bruce Blazon,

Absent: Charles Estes Ex-Officio School Board, excused

SAU 103 Representatives Present: Dr. Brian Connelly Principal/Super Intendant of JDB and Carol Asher-Snow, School Board Rep. For JDB

Chairman Seymour brought the meeting to order at approx. 6:30pm

Carol Asher-Snow began by stating that though they had invited questions to be sent to them in the week between the first presentation and this follow-up, they had received none. They do not have anything further to add to the prior presentation brought forward by Charles Estes on December 18, 2023.

They then opened it up to questions from the Committee at large. Questions were asked but they were not new in regard to what was asked and answered last session with this SAU. It was asked if there was any expectation for an increase in funding needs. Dr. Connelly stated he did not see any at this point.

Dr. Connelly made the Committee aware of some extracurricular activities designed for the students that make the school special and focused on the best possible academics and opportunities. The Committee agreed favorably with the examples put forth. One of which was the wonderful Christmas Program put on by the students directed by a single musician for all grade levels. A book has been written by the students of the biography of Jennie D. Blake, the school's namesake. The kids can state the history of the town from the young ages of third grade.

Recently, the principal, being privy to knowledge of historic measuring taking place at the Franklin Falls Dam, quickly took action and got all the permissions he needed to get the children there that very day. They were able to witness the surging high water levels being recorded that surpassed those of 1987.

These things and more are reasons we feel parents, grandparents and taxpayers can be proud of what JDB is doing with our taxpayer dollars in regard to our youth.

The meeting with the SAU 103 concluded and Dr. Connelly and Carol Asher-Snow left.

Chairman Seymour then had us review the last two meeting minutes of December 4 and December 18.

December 4 minutes were accepted unanimously with motions and vote.

December 18 minutes were also accepted unanimously with motions and vote.

The meeting was then adjourned.