Present:

Bradford Elementary: Angela Colbeth, Kim Frydman
Newbury: Emmy Hausman, Paul Jewett
Oxbow: Barbara Briggs, Adam Lornitzo
Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood, Jean Wheeler
Others: Kate Paxton, Bud Haas, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Ted Pogacar, members of Bradford Elementary teaching staff

I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Paul Jewett, Chair

II. Board Business

A. Those present were welcomed, and the agenda was reviewed
   1. Add to agenda: Reappoint Temporary Clerk until May 7th
B. Motion by Adam Lornitzo, seconded by Barbara Briggs to approve the Board minutes of April 2, 2019. Corrections: Correct the date on the minutes to April 2nd. It was requested that the attachments be put on the website. Motion voted on to approve the minutes with the correction as noted and approved with one abstention (Kim Frydman)
C. Motion by Kim Frydman, seconded by Emmy Hausman to approve Sherry Hoyt as temporary clerk of the OUUSD until the May 7th meeting. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

III. Public Comments

A. Bud Haas: Asked who will be setting the agenda for the June 17th OUUSD meeting. It was explained that the new Board will set the agenda and the warning for the June 17th meeting. B. Haas has some suggestions for the Articles, and Paul Jewett suggested that he present them to the new Board after it is elected. Emilie Knisley asked if the Administration could know what the suggestions are so that research can be done to see if there are any legal issues to consider. B. Haas shared a copy of his suggestions with Supt. Knisley.

IV. FY 2020 Budget Preparation

A. A proposed merged budget has been prepared, taking budgets developed by Newbury, Bradford, Oxbow, and RAD
B. The Central Office has received equalized pupil numbers for the merged district. The current figures show an increase of about 33 equalized pupils over last year.
C. The proposed budget shows a 3% increase in Bradford’s tax rate from last year and a 3.5% increase in Newbury’s tax rate from last year. These figures are with the common level of appraisal adjustment.
D. Comparison was shown of two consolidated items: consolidated debt and consolidated deficits. Overall, the percent of the budget of 2020 for the consolidated debt is 1.602%.

1. Deficits are from General Fund and Food Service. These deficits are either going to be totally or partially paid off in FY 2020 Budget.
2. Motion by Adam Lornitzo, seconded by Emmy Hausman to table action on the proposed budget until May 7th at 5:00 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

V. Public Comment

A. Kate Paxton: Would Bradford, given information that is being discussed tonight, consider making any changes? E. Knisley urged the Board to be mindful, and that the more consistent we can be, will help to get to a point we can explain to the public. She reminded the Board that this is a very critical budget.

B. Bud Haas: What was increase of OESU budget over whole SU? E. Knisley: The driving forces in the SU: centralizing of Special Education; combing two SU’s into one SU; data base management person coming on board this year; based on enrollment for administrative costs.

VI. Adam Lornitzo would like to go back to individual boards to see if there are any things that were cut that could perhaps be put back in. These are issues that will be discussed when the Transitional Board meets next at 5:00 PM on May 7th. At 6:00 PM, the new Board members will be elected.

VII. Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM by Kim Frydman, seconded by Adam Lornitzo. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.