

Sanborn Regional School District Budget Committee Meeting

December 18, 2014

Meeting Minutes - **Approved**

Call to order: 7:35 PM

Attendance: Barry Gluck, Beth Scanlon, Roger Clark, Jim Doggett, Patty Stephan, Allen Felisberto, Cheryl Gannon, Nancy Ross (School Board),

Administration: Dr. Brian Blake, Carol Coppola

Members of the public: Ms. Annie Collyer, Mr. Jim Baker from Newton, Jay Pramberg from Newton

Public Comment: None

Committee Comment:

Mr. Gluck: Read email from Carol Coppola in regard to duplicate budget entries. Middle School furniture replacement \$20,000 and Middle School library book replacement \$16,160.

Mr. Gluck: Read email from Wendy Miller, preschool parent supporting the addition of the 3 year old preschool program at Memorial Elementary School.

Public Comment: None

Committee Comment: None

Prior meeting minutes:

- Motion by Nancy Ross to accept the Dec 4th Budget Committee minutes
 - Second: Mr. Doggett,
 - Various amendments were discussed; the committee approved the amended minutes 7 in favor and one abstention.

School Board Report:

Ms. Ross provided an update to the committee pertaining to the school board's budget discussions and recommendation of \$35,335,083, the Superintendent's proposed budget.

Old Business:

Ms. Ross clarified information pertaining to the district's health insurance.

The administration addressed the budget committee's questions.

The committee reviewed and discussed the initial survey monkey results.

Ms. Ross made a motion to recommend the 2015-2016 school district budget in the amount of \$35,298,923 budget. Ms. Stephan seconded the motion. Discussion ensued, the committee voted 2 in favor, 6 opposed, motion failed.

Mr. Gluck made a motion to recommend the 2015-2016 school district budget in the amount of \$35,092,923, Ms. Ross seconded the motion. Mr. Gluck provided the following information:

Recommended budget due to increased costs in the areas of health care, electricity and decreased state funding. Specific recommended reductions include:

Discussion ensued, the committee voted 4 in favor, 4 opposed, motion failed.

Ms. Gannon made a motion to recommend the 2015-2016 school district budget in the amount of \$34,812,333, Mr. Felisberto seconded the motion. Ms. Gannon presented the committee with a prepared list of her recommended budget reductions. Discussion ensued, the committee voted 6 in favor, 2 opposed, motion approved.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Mr. Jim Baker said that it was obvious that a lot of work is done here.

Ms. Annie Collyer questioned the total amount budgeted and 15% goes to administration.

Ms. Collyer questioned whether there is room to cut in the administration spending.

Ms. Collyer encourages that we look at administration for budget reductions.

Mr. Jim Baker inquired if we could get the meetings put onto local television stations he further reported to the committee his taxes increased from \$1,500 to \$8,000.

Mr. Gluck thanked the public.

Committee comment:

Ms. Stephan commented on the budget committee's survey and the need to publicize the opportunity for voters to respond.

Mr. Doggett reported the aging population in Newton as well as the number of residential properties in foreclosure as well as residents living paycheck to paycheck.

The committee discussed the upcoming press release to include:

- ZERO FUNDING for state contacts
- Utilities
- WE are in the last year of transportation contract.

Mr. Gluck discussed the agenda for the next budget committee meeting, which will include preparing the presentation for the public hearing.

The Budget Committee's next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Mr. Doggett motioned to adjourn

Ms. Gannon seconded motion.

The budget committee adjourned at 9:32 PM