

APPROVED Minutes of Sanborn Regional School District Budget Committee
Thursday, January 19, 2017 7 PM

The Chairman Annie Collyer called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Present: Annie Collyer, Chairman
Charlton Swasey, Vice-Chairman
James Doggett
Cheryl Gannon
Ami Faria
Jack Kozec
Sandra Rogers-Osterloh
Tammy Gluck, School Board Representative

Following a salute to the flag, Committee members discussed feedback from the public received at the Public Hearing on January 12, 2017.

Mrs. Gannon offered a motion to increase the budget by \$200,000, to include funding for the positions of Math Coordinator and High School Guidance Director. Following discussion, the committee voted and Ms. Collyer announced that the motion had failed by a vote of 4-4, with Mrs. Gannon, Mrs. Faria, Mr. Kozec and Mrs. Gluck in favor and Ms. Collyer, Mr. Swasey, Mr. Doggett, and Mrs. Rogers-Osterloh opposed.

Ms. Collyer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gannon, to increase the budget by \$167,460 for the ADA Swasey Gym and Chase Field House. Following discussion about the benefit of leaving the ADA compliance as a separate warrant article, the Committee voted to reject the motion by a vote of 2-6, with Mrs. Gluck and Mrs. Faria voting aye.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to present a budget of \$33,695,968, seconded by Mr. Swasey. Following discussion, especially centered on Mrs. Coppola's assertion that our latest 12 months spending was incorrect by \$1 Million at the Public Hearing. Mrs. Gluck pointing out that the number presented by Mrs. Coppola was actually a revenue number, and Ms. Collyer pointed out that revenues is not the number we discussed, rather actual expenses, so was not an accurate observation, since she was not making a comparison of apples to apples. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3, with Mrs. Gluck, Mrs. Faria and Mrs. Gannon nay.

Mr. Swasey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Faria, to recommend the Professional Staff contract. Mr. Swasey commented that he would support the Professional Staff contract with the caveat that the budget not get raised at the Deliberative Session, and would want a revote if the budget gets increased. The motion passed unanimously, by 7-0. Mrs. Gannon recused herself from the vote.

Mr. Doggett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Swasey, to recommend the Support Staff contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda were the money-bearing warrant articles:

On the Swasey Gym ADA Compliance warrant articles, of which there are two identical at this time, Ms. Faria offered a motion to recommend the School Board warrant, seconded by Mr. Kozec.

There was a discussion of the identical warrants, the motivation of the petitioners and whether the School Board would withdraw theirs. The motion carried 7-1, with Mr. Doggett opposed.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to recommend the Petition Warrant for ADA compliance, and the motion carried unanimously.

On the Life Safety Amendment, which applies apparently to the Middle School Windows, Ms. Gluck offered the revised version now being advanced by the School Board. Mr. Doggett offered a motion not to recommend, seconded by Mr. Swasey. The motion passed 5-3, with Mrs. Gluck, Mrs. Gannon and Mrs. Faria opposed.

On the Middle School Windows, Mr. Doggett offered a motion not to recommend, seconded by Mr. Swasey. The motion passed 5-3, with Mrs. Gluck, Mrs. Gannon and Dr. Faria opposed.

Sanborn Ice Hockey Warrant. Mrs. Gannon made a motion to not recommend, seconded by Mr. Doggett. The motion passed 7-1, with Mrs. Gluck voting against.

On the Swasey Gym and Chase Field House Other Capital Improvements, Mr. Doggett offered a motion not to recommend, seconded by Ms. Gannon. The motion passed unanimously.

On the Elementary and Middle School Other Capital Improvements, Mr. Doggett offered a motion not to recommend, seconded by Mr. Swasey. The motion passed 6-2, with Mrs. Faria and Mrs. Gluck opposed.

Mr. Doggett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kozec, to have the tax impact of the school budget warrant article included on the article. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Mrs. Tammy Mahoney, Kingston; Dr. Pam Brown, Newton

School Board Comments: Ms. Gluck commented on presentations from the Administration on the positions of the Math Coordinator and the High School Director of Guidance, and on the disposition of the petitioned warrant articles from 2016.

Committee Comments followed, with comments from Ms. Faria questioning motivations of petition warrant articles this year.

There was discussion with suggestions on finalizing the presentation for the Deliberative Session. Ms. Collyer will work on a revised presentation and forward to Committee members for their comments.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Swasey, the minutes were adopted as amended 8-0.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Kozec, the minutes were adopted as amended 8-0.

Ms. Collyer called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Doggett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Faria, to adjourn. Passing unanimously, the meeting was adjourned after 11:15 PM.

