Sanborn Regional School District Budget Committee

Minutes for Thursday, October 28, 2021

Members Present:

Budget Committee

James McCarthy, Newton, Chair
Vanessa Matias – Remote, Early Departure, Vice Chair
Annie Collyer, Newton
Cheryl Gannon, Kingston
Rick Edelman, Kingston
Mary Cyr, Member-at-Large
Moira Bashaw, School Board Representative
Absent: Christine Kuzmitski

Business Administrator: Matt Angell

Call to Order: Chairmen James McCarthy, called the meeting to order at 7 PM in the High School and Middle School Library.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. McCarthy then led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of meeting minutes: 4-14-2021,

Motion to approve: Ms. Collyer

seconded by: Ms. Bashaw

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Mr. Angell provided a presentation of the answers for the second set of questions submitted regarding the previous budgets for FY 2016-2021.

Ms. Cyr and Mr. Edelman discussed the new RSA revision defining that the Member-At-Large is to be a part of the process of filling vacancies. The old RSA did not define that role, and now it is clear. Ms. Gannon wondered how this came about, and Ms. Collyer said she had written proposed legislation and asked House Representatives to present and pass it, so that the role would not need to be defined in the future via the courts.

Mr. McCarthy shared that there is not yet a recording secretary. Discussion followed, with Mr. Edelman suggesting perhaps a student. Ms. Collyer suggested that the subcommittee check on whether a student could be hired for the role, or whether the Budget Committee could institute a scholarship with their budget line item. It was agreed to pursue those ideas first, then perhaps republicize the vacancy on Facebook, via Constant Comment/school newsletters, post on website and notice in Carriage Towne News if needed.

Ms. Bashaw made a motion that the revision of the Bud Comm procedural guidelines include a citation of the newly revised RSA.

Ms Gannon made a friendly amendment that the revision of the BudCom guidelines include specific language that states that the member-at-large should be included on the committee to fill vacancies.

The vote on the amendment passed unanimously The original motion was passed, as amended, unanimously

Public Comment: None

Committee Comment: Ms. Collyer stated that evaluation of what has and has not been working is done in the District, the conversation is positive about enhancements to education, and she wants to see implementation and improvement happening.

The next meeting will be held: Joint meeting with the School Board, Wednesday, November 4 in the HS/MS Library, 6 PM. A significant aspect of the agenda will be presentation of the Superintendent's Budget Recommendation for 2022-23.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Cyr made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, to adjourn and Mr. McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Collyer Recording Secretary Pro Tem