

Sanborn Regional School District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Sanborn High School Library
December 10th, 2020

Budget Committee:

Chair	James McCarthy	Newton
	Annie Collyer	Newton
	Christine Kuzmitski	Newton
V Chair	Moira Bashaw	Kingston
	Rick Edelman	Kingston
	Vanessa Matias	Kingston
	Mary Cyr	Member-at-Large
	Tammy Mahoney	School Board Representative

Meeting was Called to Order at: 7:02 by; **Jim McCarthy**, Committee Chair.

Salute to the Flag

All Members are present with the exception of **Mary Cyr**, who is attending remotely from home, and alone.

Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2020-

V. Matias- brought to light that R. Edelman's slides were not included in the previous report and should be added.

Motion: To accept meeting minutes as submitted with an addition of R. Edelman's submitted slides.

A. Collyer/M. Bashaw Seconded. VOTE=UNANIMOUS.

School Board Report from School Board Representative – No action has been taken by the School Board since the Budget Committee's last meeting. Therefore, there is no report to present.

Begin to prepare presentation for public hearing in January - Discussion among the committee members regarding the structure of the presentation for the public hearing. A determination of which slides are already available to use; and new slide topics, the committee agreed will be helpful to create. Some of those topics are:

A need-based budget fulfilling objectives, with an attempt to retain and attract the best educators.	
Convey future aspirations	Surplus in the budget, purposely
Infrastructure is completed	Tax impact – include amounts (not graphs)
Teachers and administrator contributions	Positive thinking – intervention money is available
Covid related expenses	Matt Angell slides, 6-9
Annie's slide operating and default budget	Teacher contracts
Cost impact per student	Show proposed, check mark tasks realized
T. Ambrose's slide "Important Things To Consider"	Budcom's topics of increase and reasoning
T. Ambrose's -future needs & wish list	Tom's student/teacher ratio w/student decline
M. Angell's revenue projection	HS Bond status and completion information
The 2-year plan, revisited	Passing Teacher contracts
How the budget is prepared	"Needs"- to provide quality education

Conceptional discussion of funding

A. Collyer – noted that parents typically filter their thoughts on the District on the needs of their own children and those of their peers, yet 85% of residents have no direct connection with the schools. It is a challenging balance.

V. Matias – Is hesitant to include certain school board initiatives in the budget committee presentation as that was not the basis for the budget committee’s decision on our approved budget.

R. Edelman – Commented that we should be fully transparent with the budget to include the costs per student in our budget based on enrollment as that is already a topic being discussed within the community.

M. Cyr - What point are we at receiving information on the collective bargaining warrant?

Public Attendee, Jim Baker, contributes information regarding collective bargaining information. When and what will occur prior to the Budget Committee’s preview of the warrant.

J. McCarthy – The committee will consider this on January 11th (snow date January 12th).

J. McCarthy -Anyone who has a slide or information to contribute, please feel free to send your thoughts or slides to me and Annie. We will work together to present slides for consideration at our December 17th meeting.

Public Comment – No comments were offered.

Committee Comment –

C. Kuzmitski – As part of the 85% of town residents with no children in the school system, I would likely be voting conservatively and in agreement with the superintendent’s recommendations.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17 –7 PM High School Library (Tentative joint meeting with School Board)

- **Approve Preliminary Budget**
- **Continue preparation of presentation for public hearing.**

Motion to adjourn: A. Collyer, M. Cyr/seconded 8:24 p.m.

Judith Schaefer
Recording Secretary