

SANBORN REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, September 29, 2016

A meeting of the Sanborn Regional Budget Committee was held on Thursday, September 29, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. The following were recorded as present:

SRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Annie Collyer, Chairperson
Charlton Swasey, Vice-Chairman
James Doggett
Sandi Rogers-Osterloh
Ami Faria
Cheryl Gannon

EXCUSED

Jack Kozec
Roberto Miller, School Committee Representative

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Collyer welcomed the members of the public in attendance.

REVIEW OF BUDGET INFO REQUEST STATUS

The Budget Committee reviewed the outstanding budget requests by department.

Athletics:

Ms. Collyer said they want to know the cost per participant for each sport because people are saying we should have pay to play and we need to show them if it makes sense or not. It will give us information to make rational decisions. She also indicated her personal belief that it probably does not make sense, since studies have shown that participation in sports, music, and the arts enhance academic performance and so have educational value.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to receive a breakdown of the total cost for each sport. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh. VOTE: 4-2 motion carries (Gannon, Faria opposed)

It was the consensus of the Budget Committee not to pursue information regarding the 200 baseball caps.

IT Department:

Mr. Doggett made a motion to find out what are the procedures in place to shut down computers at the end of the day for nights, weekends and vacations. Seconded by Mr. Swasey. VOTE: 6-0 Motion carries

Grounds and Maintenance:

Ms. Collyer explained we are just asking for what the 5 year plan is.

Mr. Swasey made a motion to ask administration to provide a copy of any and all facility, grounds and maintenance 5 year plans in full force and effect and the costs for supplies for each school and maintenance plan for each school and, if none, please state so. Seconded by Mr. Doggett. VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Special Ed:

Ms. Rogers-Osterloh explained the information is in Launchpad. It addressed a lot of these questions. There is nothing more we need to know about special ed.

District-wide questions:

There are several questions that we have no answers on. Memorial and Bakie have the same questions. The Committee reviewed the outstanding questions.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to ask how is the enrollment in preschool determined with/without special needs. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh. VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Mr. Doggett made a motion to request what has been saved, versus costs, for teacher retirees and other attrition, versus costs, for the past 3 years and what is the change in cost for the Business Administrator. Seconded Ms. Rogers-Osterloh. VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Ms. Rogers-Osterloh made a motion to request the percentage of salary increase planned for administrators and non-union personnel. Seconded by Mr. Doggett VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Mr. Doggett made a motion to ask for an explanation of what is 'instructional improvement' as a line item in the budget. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh VOTE: 6-0

Mr. Doggett made a motion to ask for how many students are involved in enrichment programs and how is that determined and how many students in advanced technology programs. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh. VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Mr. Doggett made a motion to ask administration to provide all writings, plans, reports, reviews, and assessments given, made or received for the position of Math Coordinator. Seconded by Mr. Swasey. VOTE: 4-2 motion carries (Gannon, Faria opposed)

Mr. Swasey said he would like to ask under RSA:91 to see all reports, reviews, assessments of the position of Math Coordinator in their possession.

Ms. Gannon stated that position does not go into the high school.

High School:

The Committee reviewed the questions. Ms. Collyer would like firm bids on the vestibules for other schools in the CIP. Ms. Gannon suggested waiting to ask during the budget presentation.

Mr. Doggett made a motion to ask what plans are being made to decrease class sizes as student population has been dropping and what are their plans to adjust class sizes due to decreasing enrollments. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Mr. Doggett made a motion to have the information requested on solar panels costs and savings be given and be separated by building. Seconded by Mr. Swasey VOTE: 4-2-0 motion carries (Faria, Gannon abstain)

Mr. Doggett made a motion to have requested on heat pumps costs and savings be given and be separated by building. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh. VOTE: 6-0

Mr. Doggett made a motion to ask for enrollment numbers for all schools as of 10/1/16 with section listing for Middle and High School. Seconded by Ms. Rogers-Osterloh. VOTE: 5-1 motion carries (Gannon opposed)

Ms. Gannon made a motion to ask if there are any plans being made for the end of the bond on the high school and are they assessing the financial impact if Fremont decides to leave and, if so, what are they. Seconded by Mr. Doggett VOTE: 6-0 motion carries

Ms. Collyer asked the Committee what their position is on meetings with the department heads. She said under RSA: 32 we have the right to confer with department heads. Ms. Faria asked if that includes the presentation we get from them.

Ms. Gannon made a motion to request from administration that after the presentation of the budget for FY 17/18, that department heads would be allowed to come at the request of the Budget Committee to come to meetings to answer questions. Seconded by Ms. Faria VOTE: 5-1 motion carries

Ms. Collyer said whatever format Department Heads use to submit their request to the Superintendent for line items, we will want to know what the line items are.

Ms. Collyer made a motion we ask for the line items used for each department heads used over the past 3 years. Seconded by Mr. Doggett VOTE: 4-1-1 motion carries (Faria abstained, Gannon opposed)

Ms. Collyer wants it broken down by athletics, IT, and Grounds and Maintenance and the other Departments asking for the line items the department heads are responsible for so we can develop separate budgets for those. She stated she wants the administration to break it out, that we have tried, but we are just guessing the absence of the requested information from the Business Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Swasey made a motion to accept the minutes of September 22, 2016 as amended. Seconded by Ms. Gannon. VOTE: 5-1-0 Motion passes (Faria abstained)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doggett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Swasey. VOTE: 6-0 motion passes

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by,

Linda Mahoney