

**SANBORN REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016
*APPROVED***

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.
The following members were recorded as present:

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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| Cheryl Gannon, Chairperson | Patricia Stephan, Vice Chair |
| Barry Gluck | Ami Faria |
| Beth Scanlon | Annie Collyer |
| James Doggett | Nancy Ross, School Board Representative |

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS - There were no additions to the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT -No public comment

COMMITTEE COMMENT – The Chair expressed confusion that the committee was requested to recommend specific reductions with the possibility to an impact to Fremont tuition. This may put the committee in a bad light with Fremont citizens if it impacts their tuition.

Mr. Gluck stated that in the past, reductions that were included in the public hearing presentation were those that were provided to the committee by the administration. The budget committee does not put their suggestions since they do not have the responsibility to authorize expenditures.

Ms. Scanlon stated that this was the first time she can remember that the request was presented in this manner, that is, that the budget committee was to itemize reductions without getting recommendations from the administration.

Ms. Faria stated that it is the committee’s responsibility to justify its recommended reduction.

The members proceeded to suggest various expenditures from the Superintendent’s proposed budget that might be removed. Pros and cons were discussed and consideration was given to expenditures that had direct impact on students.

The following reductions were agreed upon by all members:

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| Ice Hockey | 10,070 |
| Middle School Replacement Windows | 130,000 |
| District One-Ton Truck | 14,000 |
| Reduce ChromeBooks | 41,354 |
| High School Vestibule | 48,250 |
| Reduce Administration Salary Increases by Half | 19,326 |
| Headmaster's House Demo | 10,000 |
| Superintendent's Barn Demo | 10,000 |
| Maintenance Shed | 67,000 |
| TOTAL | 350,000 |

These will not be in the slide presentation at the Public Hearing but that the list would be held in reserve in case someone asked about them. It would be presented with the explanation that these suggestions were not binding and that the administration and school board hold the authority to determine spending of the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Baker of Newton commented that he did not agree with many of the reductions identified this evening. He stated that he felt much more could be removed from the budget. He believes that neither the budget nor the professional staff contract will pass. This proposal is \$3 million over the actual amount that was spent in FY 2014-15.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Ms. Collyer commented that with the professional staff contract, this budget represented a 9.9% increase over the actual of FY 2014-15.

Ms. Gannon asked if members whose terms will expire this year had decided if they would run for their positions again or if any members whose terms did not expire were not planning on continuing on the committee. Mr. Gluck & Ms. Scanlon said they had not yet decided.

Ms. Gannon indicated she would complete the preparation of the presentation for Thursday and that index cards would be offered at the entrance table for those who would like to write questions rather than speak at the microphone. She would post responses to questions about the budget at her discretion.

UPCOMING MEETINGS –

Thursday, January 14, 2016 – Public Hearing

Wednesday, February 3 – First Deliberative Session

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Gluck. **Seconded** by Ms Ross.

VOTE: 8-0-0 Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by,
Cheryl Gannon
Recording Secretary, Pro Tem