

**Sanborn Regional School District - Budget Committee Meeting**  
**November 29, 2012**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 7:10 PM

**Attendance:**

<b>Members:</b>	Jay Pramberg, Chair	Paul Brisson Vice Chair
	Beth Ann Scanlon, Secretary	Barry Gluck
	Dan Dodson	Roger Clark
	Tom Gasse	Cheryl Gannon, School Board Rep.
<b><u>Administration:</u></b>	Brian Blake, Superintendent	
	Carol Coppola, Business Administrator	

**Approval of past meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** to accept minutes of October 24, 2012: Dan Dodson

**Second:** Roger Clark

**Discussion:** On page 2 change “SA” to “SAU”

**Vote:** 5 yes, 2 Abstain – T. Gasse, B. Scanlon

**Public Comment:**

Nancy Ross, Kingston, addressed the committee and asked that they give careful consideration to the Superintendent’s presented budget proposal. Historically the school has been working with a default budget which has not allowed program growth. She believes the district should go to full time kindergarten and the school board is considering adding French at the elementary schools. She stated the Administration presents the budget requests to the Superintendent and he makes cuts. They are in the best position to know what is best for our schools.

Roger Clark, Kingston, voiced his concerns about the increase of the proposed budget of 2.5% and that economically citizens cannot afford the increase. He is concerned that full day kindergarten will cause private kindergartens to close. Roger also stated that the increase the district in healthcare expense should be shared by the employees. He feels no employees should be changed from part time to full time and that the current contract has generous benefits. He also reminded the committee that the taxpayers approve the budget.

**New Business:**

Jay Pramberg asked that the committee members stay open minded during the budget deliberation process. He stated that we have time to ask questions and make recommendations.

Barry Gluck asked Dr. Blake if he could report any progress on the contract negotiations. Dr. Blake stated that the negotiating parties were close and contracts could close in the next week or two.

Dr. Blake reminded the committee that while we vote the amount of the budget we do not control how it is spent. He also stated that any suggested cuts should be to specific items.

Cheryl Gannon asked if the Support Staff Contract and the Professional Contract could be alternated to separate years. Dr. Blake said that this was a topic recognized by the negotiating parties. However, he cannot discuss the details of the private discussions.

Paul Brisson asked Carol Coppola about the structure of the bond. The bond was deliberately structured to try and receive the maximum reimbursement from the state. The bond has been refinanced several times over the last several years to reduce the total cost by \$609,000.

Paul also asked about the agreement being negotiated by the school with the Town of Kingston and the Congregational Church for a new generator to support the fire suppression system.

Roger Clark asked if the school district invites local contractors to bid the capital improvement projects. Carol Coppola answered all work is publicly advertised.

Roger suggested the school look into building an office for the SAU on the high school property. Jay Pramberg stated that there is no more buildable land on the site due to wetlands. Renovating the Seminary Building is in the FY2015 budget and it is a school board goal.

Beth Ann Scanlon stated that there have been several committees over the last 5 years or so that have made recommendations on what to do with the Seminary building and the campus.

Cheryl Gannon asked when the current lease with the Charter School ends. Carol Coppola reported one more year.

Tom Gasse asked what ramifications last year's Budget Committee cuts had on the schools. Administration reported that 2 teachers were cut from SRMS. Jay Pramberg asked if that was due to enrollment. Dr. Blake answered yes.

**Next Meeting: December 6, 2012**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Barry Gluck

**Second:** Roger Clark

**Vote:** 8-0 in favor.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Ann Scanlon, Secretary

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE THE OFFICAL MINUTES  
APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 MEETING**