

Sanborn Regional School District - Budget Committee Meeting  
Thursday, OCTOBER 6, 2011  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:18 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Members:** Jay Pramberg, Chair                      Walter Tate, Vice-Chair  
Karen O'Malley Recorder                      Barry Gluck  
Paul Brisson                                      Nancy Ross, School Board Representative  
Wendy Miller

**Administration:** None

**Review of Agenda:**

Information from Carol about funding from the State.

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2011:**

Amended to correct spelling of Fremont.

**MOTION** to accept as amended: Mr. Gluck

**SECOND:** Ms. Ross

**Vote:** Accept minutes: Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FY 2010-11 Financial Results:** The unexpended fund balance is \$481,078 which will be returned to the Taxpayers. Mr. Bisson questioned the appearance of a deficit between the total general fund revenues and total expenditures. Mr. Pramberg will request the answer for the difference from Ms. Coppola. Mr. Pramberg reported there was \$5339 earned in interest on funds in the bank for the prior year.

Under the topic of goals, Ms. Ross indicated that Dr. Blake puts together a packet indicating where we are in relation to the long term goal. The leadership team does a power point presentation showing where we were and where we are now and what they are doing to improve. There have been improvements in testing in all scores. Real changes are being made in the starting in the elementary schools right through the high school where both students and teachers are being held accountable for making improvement.

Motion made by Mr. Gluck that we request that this year's budget requests more directly tie the budget items to the goals.

Motion seconded by Ms. Ross.

**Vote:** approved: Unanimous.

Mr. Pramberg said he would e-mail Dr. Blake with the request.

Strategic Plan. Ms. Ross said that at the September school board meeting the plan was updated and a new one will be coming out soon. She also mentioned that the reuse of the Memorial school is coming off the plan. Other items have come off as they are completed.

There was a discussion on the revolving fund for building maintenance where the money came from and where it could be used. Mr. Pramberg will request a full explanation from Ms. Coppola.

Ms. Ross and Mr. Gluck both lamented the lack of funding for arts and drama.

The following Construction Projects were reviewed:

Memorial school

Front windows replaced cost \$84,450 completed.  
PA system replacement cost \$12,632 completed.  
Clock system upgrade cost \$1,200 completed.  
Leach field replacement est. cost \$50,000 to start 10/11/11.

Middle school

Vertical siding to be replaced and two bay windows complete cost \$82,445.  
Drainage repair in the parking lot cost \$6,525 completed.  
Locker replacements cost \$28,900 scheduled completion Oct 2011.

High school

Installing solar hot water system Estimated 10 year return on investment. Cost \$33,500 annually for 10 years. To start Oct/Nov.  
Additional security cameras cost \$48,274 completed.  
Catch basin repairs cost \$3,200 completed.

Bakie school

Install additional security access cost \$4,765 completed.  
Roof two sections replaced cost \$46,210 completed.

District wide

Lighting upgrades cost \$171,065 complete.  
Playground equipment cost \$42,025 complete.  
Parking lot striping cost \$6,545 complete.  
Asphalt repairs cost \$25,036 complete.  
Energy saving upgrades – ongoing cost not to exceed \$39,736.

Charter school

Brick sealing cost \$8,810 completed.  
Science lab repairs cost \$3,100 completed.  
Kindergarten room renovations completed no cost to the district.

SAU campus

Colcord Hall is gone cost \$41,400.

Boiler repair at Bakie and SAU cost \$24,666 completed.

We reviewed the budget calendar. Dates of note:

Budgets due to SAU office Oct 14.

Nov 2 Superintendent presents recommended budget to the School Board.

Joint presentation Meeting Nov 16 in the library.

Public hearing Jan 12.

This committee has from Nov 16 to Jan 12 to recommend a budget amount and come up with a power point presentation.

Mr. Gluck requests the budget committee get a copy of the budget a week before the presentation, or when the school committee gets their copy.

Ms. Ross noted that all warrant articles will be discussed Jan 11, 2012 if we want to hear about them.

Mr. Pramberg made note of the following items which may impact this year's budget:

The state has dropped funding for driver education – the cost to be paid by the parents.

Catastrophic aid is being reduced to 50%.

The state is forcing new requirements on the district for medicaid.

State portion of the bond on the high school not being funded at 100%.

Special education is over budget and if needed we could use the special fund

Teacher's retirement – State cut funding making the employee now pay more.

Mr. Pramberg gave an update on the work of the Seminary committee. A presentation of phase 1 was given to the school committee. A survey was done on the historical and structural uses of the building. They highlighted what needs to be done and what additional could be done. It has been determined that the basement and first level are basically sound the second floor should only carry light loads unless the structure is strengthened. Possible uses include SAU offices, technology office, required documents storage on the ground floor, meeting rooms, a public meeting room. It was also noted that it may cost one million dollars for the initial renovation just to move into the

building and as much as three million to make it all useable. Second phase report is due Dec 1, 2011 in order to get a warrant article for the final recommendation. There was discussion about other possible uses and the conditions placed on the building by the Seminary Trustees.

**Correspondence:** We received a letter from Mrs. Callahan the Principal at Seacoast school of Technology, outlining the impact of state funding reductions on their budget and the impact to the sending towns. Ms Coppola having anticipated a reduction in state funding budgeted \$2000 per student for 125 students for this year. We will be within budget if we have the usual number of students. Mr. Pramberg indicated it is still a good deal for the district to send students to SST as the cost is less than hiring 3 or 4 teachers and the students most likely would not be getting the same level of teaching or the same subjects that are available at SST.

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Next meeting:**

Next meeting to be November 3, 2011 at 7:00pm.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Ms. Ross

**Second:** Mr. Tate

**Vote:** unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted:

Karen O'Malley,  
Meeting Recorder

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