

Sanborn Regional School District

Approved Budget Committee Minutes

Thursday February 6, 2019

The Budget Committee met briefly both before and after the Deliberative Session noticed publicly for February 6.

Present: Annie Collyer, Chair

Mary Cyr

James Doggett

Cheryl Gannon

Larry Heath, School Board Representative

Jack Kozec

Charlton Swasey

Sandra Rogers-Osterloh

Annie Collyer asked whether Committee members wanted to present the additional slides that updated information from the District Business Administrator and School Board, since the Public Hearing, specifically the revised estimated tax impact of proposed warrant articles. She noted the opinion letter forwarded to each of the members, from Diane Gorrow, School District Legal Counsel, that updates were legal and that a decision was appropriate to make changes to the proposed budget presentation.

Mr. Swasey disagreed with Attorney Gorrow's ruling that it was appropriate to discuss any changes to the deliberative presentation and recused himself.

Ms. Gannon protested any slide not previously vetted by the Committee, and thought there might be Right To Know violations if presented.

Uncertainty among members was present, so the choice was made to present the exact presentation from the Public Hearing with no changes.

Ms Collyer noted that it was the School Board's responsibility to determine, with the substantive help of the Business Administrator, any changes to the estimated tax impact. She said that, because the estimated tax impact had changed, the School Board would be pleased to present the changes and tax impact in lieu of the Budget Committee, if they declined to do so.

Annie Collyer as Chair, made the presentation exactly as for the Public Hearing, without the estimated tax updates, and information from the assessors offices she obtained in recent weeks, as \$275,000 median residential property assessed value in the two towns, instead of the \$300,000 as previously used, as voted.

Following the Deliberative Session, with counsel from the District's attorney present at the meeting that a revote was legal and appropriate given two changes to the Ice Hockey Warrant and public comment by School Board Representative Larry Heath that his vote was incorrect, the Budget Committee met for a revote on the one changed warrant article: #11 for Ice Hockey funding. The vote was 4 in favor, 3 opposed, and one abstention. Opposed were Mr. Swasey, Mr. Doggett and Mr. Kozec. Ms. Gannon abstained.

The meeting following the Deliberative was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Collyer, Secretary Pro-Tem