

Sanborn Regional School District - Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 19th, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Attendance:

Members: Jay Pramberg, Chair Paul Brisson
Beth Ann Scanlon Barry Gluck (absent)
Dan Dodson Roger Clark (absent)
Cheryl Gannon, School Board Representative

Administration: Carol Coppola, Business Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance:

Review Agenda:

Public Comment: none

Committee Comment:

Jay Pramberg volunteered to take minutes.

Items added to the agenda:

- Introduction of members.
- Wendy Miller's resignation.
- Tom Gasse's appointment.

Approval of past meeting minutes:

Motion: to accept minutes of Jan 11, 2012: Beth Scanlon

Second: Paul Brisson

Discussion: 3 corrections were noted.

Vote: to accept the minutes as corrected 3 yes – 0 no.

New Business:

Motion to accept Wendy Miller's letter of resignation: Jay Pramberg

Second: Beth Scanlon

Vote: 5 yes – 0 no

Motion to appoint Tom Gasse to fill the vacant Newton seat, appointment effective 4-19-2012 and expiring at the next annual district meeting: Jay Pramberg

Second: Dan Dodson

Vote: 5 yes – 0 no

Motion to nominate Jay Pramberg to serve as Chair: Dan Dodson

Second: Paul Brisson

Vote: 4 yes – 0 no - 1 abstain (Pramberg)

Motion to nominate Paul Brisson to serve as Vice Chair: Jay Pramberg

Second: Beth Scanlon

Vote: 4 yes – 0 no – 1 abstain (Brisson)

Motion to nominate Beth Ann Scanlon to serve as Secretary: Jay Pramberg

Second: Dan Dodson

Vote: 4 yes – 0 no – 1 abstain (Scanlon)

Update of the 2012 budget and the upcoming 2013 budget.

Ms. Coppola updated the committee on the current status of the 2011-2012 budget. The curriculum, facilities and other committees have completed their work and decisions are being finalized for the purchase of budgeted items. This will include classroom books, library books, furniture and technology. Construction projects include attic insulation, and venting at Memorial and Bakie and roof replacement, window replacement and exterior paint at Bakie.

Public Comment: none

Committee Comment:

Roger Clark could not be present and asked that the chairman share his comments tonight:
“I was wondering, since in the minutes of January 11, 2012, there seemed to be no indication of any discussions or 'concerns' (except for Mr. Gluck), whether the taxpayers/voters would really want to spend this amount of money to renovate the seminary. Possibly, in the future, a short survey of the voters could be done before spending resources on an involved pamphlet and what appear to be many hours of someone's time? This is one of the comments that I recall in discussions with other taxpayers about this article. As we can see by their vote, they were greatly against it.”
also “Many of the voters with whom I've spoken (especially the Seniors) wonder why the school has its deliberative session on cold, slippery, dark evenings, instead of on a Saturday morning like both Newton and Kingston town session. Perhaps we can, with the school committee, consider this suggestion.”

Cheryl Gannon reported that the school board has approved a hockey program at the high school level. All funding will be raised by a parent group. It is open to all students and will not be “pay to play”. It is approved for a one year trial provided the funds have been raised by October 1, 2012.

Paul Brisson inquired about the status of the charter school’s space needs and the SAU offices. Carol Coppola reported that all SAU staff will reduce their individual space needs and fit into the upstairs space with additional office partitions. The charter school will rent additional first floor classroom space.

Dan Dodson inquired about the status of the seminary building and funding sources. There was a discussion about the seminary site and acknowledgement that this would be up to the school board.

Motion to tentatively meet Tuesday June 19st 2012 @ 7:00 PM: Jay Pramberg

Second: Dan Dodson

Discussion: If there are no agenda items this meeting may be postponed.

Vote: to meet only if needed 5 yes – 0 no

Motion to Adjourn: Cheryl Gannon

Second: Paul Brisson

Vote: 5 yes – 0 no

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Jay Pramberg, Recorder

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