

APPROVED MINUTES

Sanborn School District Budget Committee

Date: October 13, 2016

Present:

- Annie Collyer, Chair
- Charlton Swasey, Vice- Chair
- Sandra Rogers-Osterloh
- Cheryl Gannon
- James Doggett
- Ami Faria
- Pam Brown, School Board Rep
- Excused Jack Kozec

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

School Tours: James Doggett and Cheryl Gannon reported that the schools appeared clean, tidy and in good repair. Security issues seemed to be adequate. They were not able to see the locker rooms at Swasey gym. Sandra Rogers-Osterloh concurred and said the tour was helpful and worthwhile. It was noted that no one yet has actually seen the windows at the Middle School that may need to be replaced.

School Board Report: Corey Mason reported on the School Board budget goals and for fiscal year 2018. A paper with these on it was handed out. James Doggett received confirmation from Mr. Mason that this year we would receive a line item budget. Cheryl Gannon stated that the School Board goals look just like last year's goals. She questioned why there are no periodic financial reports instead of just year-end. Charlton Swasey questioned and observed that nowhere did any of these goals and proposal address the citizens and taxpayers, the cost to them, and their ability to pay.

Review of Requests Made by Budget Committee: Annie Collyer stated that the Committee's request from last meeting had been made, 5 days has passed, there has been no response from the Superintendent. She asked the Committee what they wanted to do.

James Doggett stated that the time had come to file a complaint against the Superintendent. There followed a lengthy discussion by all Members regarding the alleged continuing lack of response and violation of state law. Many ideas and approaches were put forth and discussed. Charlton Swasey made the following Motion seconded by James Doggett:

- The Budget Committee shall file a written complaint against Superintendent Brian Blake pursuant to the provisions found in the Sanborn School District policy manual. Said complaint shall present the lack of response to the Budget Committee's October 5 91-A and 32 requests, and the violation of the laws of the State of NH that govern this matter.

The Motion Passed as follows:

5 Yes: Charlton Swasey, James Doggett, Annie Collyer, Pam Brown, Sandra Rogers-Osterloh

2 No: Cheryl Gannon, Ami Faria

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Budget History Review: James Doggett reviewed the enrollment numbers and noted the steady decline in the number of students at Memorial school.

Budget Preparation: Cheryl Gannon stated she wanted to get a handle on how it would be done this year as it appears it may be different than past years. Annie Collyer stated that the Committee would dictate how we do it when we start the process. Ami Faria reviewed the process used last year, where members each gave a budget number and justified it, followed by a vote of all members on a number.

Public Forum:

James Doggett stated he thinks the public hearings already in place are enough. Cheryl Gannon believes a public forum on the budget would be good for the community.

Motion by Cheryl Gannon, Seconded by Sandra Rogers-Osterloh

- The Budget Committee shall organize and conduct a public forum regarding the District budget issues.

The Motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstained

Yes: Ami Faria, Annie Collyer, James Doggett, Sandra Rogers-Osterloh, Cheryl Gannon, Pam Brown

Abstaining: Charlton Swasey

The forum will be held on November 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The site will be arranged by Annie Collyer and Cheryl Gannon.

Public Comment: Mr. Gluck questioned who will be “preparing “ the budget and what form it will take. Mrs. Gluck likes the idea of a public form. Mr. Mason spoke about community affordability.

Committee Comment: Charlton Swasey and Cheryl Gannon both spoke regarding their concerns over community affordability.

Approve Minutes: 2 changes:

1. September 22nd was actual meeting date and ,
2. James Doggett noted in his motion it should read decrease not increase

All members present voted yes to approve changes.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Ami Faria, Second James Doggett

All 7 votes yes

Respectfully submitted,

Charleton Swasey,

Acting Secretary