

Sanborn Regional School District - Budget Committee Meeting
December 17, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Attendance:

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

New Business:

Pledge of allegiance was said followed by a moment of silence to recognize the CT crisis.

School Board representative, Cheryl Gannon, reported that the School Board voted to reduce the Superintendent's proposed budget by \$216,768.00 which was the difference between the estimated expense for health insurance budgeted by Administration and the actual contract.

The SB adopted a budget of \$31,790,473.00, a 1.67% increase over last year's budget.

The revised default budget is \$31,519,733.

Motion: To approve a budget of \$31,269,788 Jay Pramberg

Second: Roger Clark

Jay described \$501,776 in possible cuts. He expressed concern that recommending an increase of nearly ¾ of a million dollars would not be helpful to the warrant articles for the contracts and opened the floor for other suggestions that might get us to a level funded budget from last year.

Barry Gluck stated that last year's budget was near default. The Superintendent's proposed budget is a minimal increase and has adjusted for costs that we have no control over – Health Insurance increase and retirement cost shifted from the state to town.

Dr. Blake was asked his opinion and stated "disgusting".

Beth Scanlon stated that the budget should be lowered but the amount proposed is going too far. She said the focus should be on a budget that the voters will pass with minimal expense so that the focus will be on passing the Professional Teacher's Contract and Non-professional Staff Contract.

Vote: 2-4-1 failed. (Yes - Pramberg, Clark)

Motion: To approve a budget of \$32,007,241 Barry Gluck

Second: Cheryl Gannon

Barry Gluck stated that the proposed budget is a reasonable and modest proposal. It is the right thing for taxpayers and the school district.

Paul Brisson reported that home owners would experience a 5.3 – 5.8% increase just in school expense without consideration for warrant articles. He stated it would be a tough sell to taxpayers.

Roger Clark stated that the contracts are more important than the budget. Administration can be flexible with spending.

Dan Dodson stated that NH has a revenue problem. He understands that the Budget Committee is not a rubber stamp to approve the Superintendent's budget. Citizens are on fixed incomes, increased taxes are a concern to voters.

Vote: 1-6 failed. (Gluck)

Motion: To approve a budget of \$31,331,902 Paul Brisson

Second: Roger Clark

Vote: 5-2 passed (Gluck, Gannon)

Discussion evolved about recommended cuts but there were not enough that all could agree to to get to the proposed figure.

Motion: To approve a budget of \$31,505,465 Beth Scanlon

Second: Dan Dodson

Discussion: Specific recommendations to reduce the budget totaling \$501,776 were identified.

Recommended cuts:

Health Insurance	\$ 216,768.
Full Day Kindergarten (new)	\$ 81,304.
Capital Replacement	\$ 51,007.
AP exam expense (new)	\$ 6,675.
Discipline Consultant (new)	\$ 5,000.
Sophomore Buses (new)	\$ 10,000.
Senior dinner and awards (new)	\$ 5,000.
Non union raise (2% vs. 3.5%)	\$ 55,520.
High School FTE	\$ 70,502.

Vote: 6-0-1 (Gluck) abstained

Next Meeting: December 20, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Cheryl Gannon

Second: Paul Brisson

Vote: 7-0

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Ann Scanlon, Secretary

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE THE OFFICAL MINUTES
APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE JANUARY 9, 2012 MEETING**