

Sanborn Regional School District - Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:18 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Administration: Dr. Brian Blake Superintendent
Carol Coppola Business Manager

Review of Agenda:

Request to add a discussion of the Seminary Bond to the agenda by Mr. Gluck.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Sanborn Seminary Bond Warrant article.

Three estimates had been requested by the Sanborn Seminary Reuse Feasibility Committee.

1. Make the entire building structurally sound and up to code, finish the entire building utilizing the existing heating systems and no air conditioning -\$1,653,656
2. Renovate the entire building new HVAC, restore chapel, restore library, refinish floors and paint - \$2,194,914
3. Add historical architectural enhancements - \$2,312,204

An additional Option 1A was subsequently requested.

- 1A. Make the building structurally sound and up to code, install new HVAC systems, completely finish only the areas the SAU would occupy - \$1,688,656

The School Board will place a warrant article on the ballot to bond Option 2 - \$2,194,914

Tax impact in the second (most expensive) year of the bond:

Kingston - \$.22/M Newton - \$.27/M

Impact on average home:

Kingston average home valued @ \$263,900 tax impact - \$58.04

Newton average home valued @ \$250,000 tax impact - \$67.81

The current operating cost to heat the building is \$55,000.

The total operating cost if renovated will be \$ 42,000.

It was mentioned that the Seacoast Charter School does not foresee expanding beyond the Math / Science building they currently occupy.

Mr. Gluck would like to know what it would cost for the non structural changes to the third and fourth floors. Ms. Coppola said she would request that number.

THE BOND HEARING FOR THE SEMINARY BUILDING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2012 @ 7:00 PM IN ROOM 100 OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the December 21st School Board meeting Mr. Baitz proposed a budget of \$31,269,788.

The recommended cuts were 2 elementary teachers, new athletics programs, windows at Bakie School, a new truck and reductions for new library books, text books and furniture.

Mr. Baitz's motion to reduce the budget passed 4 in favor 1 opposed.

Motion: by Mr. Gluck:

Since the Budget Committee has already voted on an amount of \$31,627,768 we should take no action on the school board number.

Second: by Ms. Ross.

There was discussion about how the budget process is supposed to work. The school board is supposed to approve and present a budget to the budget committee which the budget committee then acts upon.

Vote: 1 (Gluck) for, 5 against, 1 (Ross) abstain. Motion does not pass.

Motion: by Mr. Pramberg:

To approve a budget of \$31,269,788.

Second: by Ms. Scanlon.

Mr. Pramberg outlined the concerns that led to his motion.

Enrollment trends are down – enrollment peaked at 1950 three years ago we are now at 1830 down 120 students next year it will be down another 2.2%.

Based on current enrollment numbers two elementary teachers could be cut and still have class sizes within the school boards guidelines.

The use of the unreserved fund balance to purchase items cut from the 2013 budget at the end of 2012. This would lower the amount returned to the taxpayer.

Vote: 5 for, 1 (Gluck) against, 1 (Ross) abstain. Motion passes

Review of the budget presentation.

Mr. Pramberg read his presentation for comment. Adjustments to reflect the approved budget will be made. Suggested changes to the narrative will also be made.

Public hearing will be Wed Jan. 11 at 7:00pm in the high school library.

Correspondence: None

COMMITTEE COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Gannon was impressed with the level of detail and study that was presented at the meeting.

Next meeting:

January 11th 2012 at 7:00pm in the High School Library.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Karen O'Malley,

Meeting Recorder

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APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING**