

**SANBORN REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.
The following members were recorded as present:

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Cheryl Gannon, Chairperson	Patricia Stephan, Vice Chair
Barry Gluck	Ami Faria
James Doggett	Nancy Ross, School Board Representative

Excused: Annie Collyer, Beth Scanlon
ADMINISTRATION: Carol Coppola, Business Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:34
It began with a salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT -No public comment

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gluck Motion: to accept minutes of January 7, 2016
Second: Ms. Faria
Several amendments were made
Vote: 5 yes 1 abstain

Ms. Ross- Motion: to accept minutes of 1/12/16
Second: Mr. Doggett
Several amendments were made
Vote: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION REVIEW

Ms. Gannon requested comments/discussion on slide show from Public Hearing. Committee discussed changes to occur for the slide show for the Deliberative Session. There was an addition of a slide comparing the amounts of the budgets by percentage increase: Proposed to default; proposed to current year; Default to current year.

Other minor changes and adjustments were made per committee recommendations.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF CONTRACT

Motion: to accept staff contract- Ms. Ross
Second: Mr. Gluck
Discussion:

Mr. Doggett discussed the cost of the healthcare portion of the contract, indicating he thought we were only offering the lowest cost option. Ms. Coppola clarified that all options on the contract are the lowest cost options.

Ms. Gannon discussed she thought we were phasing out the early retirement program. Ms. Ross indicated that this is old contract language. Ms. Coppola clarified that the contract language indicates which staff are grandfathered into the program and that the program is being phased out for new staff.

Ms. Gannon inquired how many staff are at the top step currently?

Ms. Coppola answered there are 48 staff members at top step.

Vote: 3 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain

Ms. Coppola clarified that only committee members with a family member living in the household who directly benefited from the contract were required to abstain

Mr. Gluck: motion to reconsider our vote given this clarification. Ms. Faria seconds.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

Mr. Gluck: motion to accept Article 6. Ms. Ross seconds.

Discussion:

Mr. Doggett sought clarification that the \$100,000 indicated in this article will not be returned to taxpayers as it normally would. Ms. Ross answered yes. Ms. Gannon inquired as to why the school board voted to put money in there. Ms. Ross indicated there was much discussion by the school board about what was the appropriate dollar amount and they agreed on the stipulation to indicate "up to" \$100,000.

Vote: 4 yes, 2 no

Mr. Gluck inquired as to whether or not the budget committee can, if they so choose, vote to recommend Article 11 (to give responsibility of creating the default to the budget committee rather than the administration/school board) because the budget committee is affected by the article.

Ms. Coppola indicated that only articles with a financial impact were required to be voted on by the Budget Committee but she was unsure whether or not such an article could be voted on if the committee wanted to. Mr. Doggett stated his opinion that we cannot add the recommendation vote to the warrant article because it does not come with tax impact or appropriations however, this statement was not verified.

A straw poll was taken on whether or not the committee should vote on the article

Yes 3, No 3

No vote will occur.

MS 27:

Ms. Coppola indicated that since all votes to recommend warrant articles had been made, the Committee could now sign the MS 27 as legally required. Committee members not present at the meeting would need to come to the SAU office the next morning to sign it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE COMMENT:

Ms. Gannon would like to thank the committee for their hard work to date, indicated the deliberative session is our next meeting which is moderated and the slide show will be presented again as amended this evening. Ms. Gannon also mentioned that Wendy Miller resigned from the school board because she is moving but was re-seated by the board until 3/8/16.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Deliberative Session, Feb 3, 7 pm, High School Auditorium

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Faria. Ms. Stephan seconded.
Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16

Minutes submitted by,
Ami Faria
Recording Secretary, Pro Tem