

**SANBORN REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
*APPROVED***

The meeting was called to order at 7:36. The following members were present:

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Cheryl Gannon	Barry Gluck
Patricia Stephan	Ami Faria
Annie Collyer	James Doggett
Nancy Ross	

ABSENT: Beth Scanlon

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS – Ms. Stephan asked that we add a review of how the year went and of the deliberative.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

COMMITTEE COMMENT – none

BUDGET RECOMMENDATION:

Ms. Gannon explained that this meeting was called in response to an email from Ms. Coppola indicating that legal counsel had advised her that if the school board and budget committee wanted to change their vote on recommending the budget since a new amount was approved at the deliberative, they would need to hold an official meeting to do so in time for publishing the annual report and ballot. The budget amount was amended to \$34,117,000 and approved by district voters at the February 3 deliberative session.

MOTION: Ms. Collyer: to recommend the amended amount of \$34,117,000

SECOND: Mr. Doggett

YES: 2 (Ms. Collyer, Mr. Doggett)

NO: 5 (Ms. Gannon, Ms. Faria, Ms. Stephan, Mr. Gluck, Ms. Ross)

The numerical vote for and against recommending the amended budget amount will appear on the official ballot.

Ms. Collyer and Mr. Doggett were excused to attend other commitments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: to accept the minutes of January 14, 2016 was made by Mr. Gluck.

SECOND: Ms. Ross

The Committee reviewed the minutes and made no amendments. **VOTE to accept:** 5-0 Unanimous

MOTION: to accept the minutes of January 21, 2016 was made by Mr. Gluck.

SECOND: Ms. Ross

The Committee reviewed the minutes and made several amendments. **VOTE to accept:** 5-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Members made various comments reviewing the deliberative and the budget season. Several commented that they felt that the community had become divided in a way that created an “us against them” atmosphere. Ms. Stephan was contemplating some new ideas for next year should she be re-elected. Ms. Gannon was discouraged that after all the committee’s work and deliberation on trying to come up with a justifiable budget that had minimal impact on the students, a number with no justification was proposed and accepted. But she acknowledged that is the system.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

COMMITTEE COMMENT – Ms. Faria read a statement in which she related an experience where she felt intimidated when approached by a member of the Newton Kingston Taxpayers Association after the deliberative session.

MOTION to adjourn Mr. Gluck; **Seconded** by Ms. Ross.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by,
Cheryl Gannon
Recording Secretary, Pro-temp