

Dummer School District
Minutes of the 2008-2009 Budget Hearing
Monday, February 04, 2008
Dummer Town Hall

Present: Chairman Jennifer Miller, Nancy Bisson (Julie Glover, Absent)

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde

Public: David Dubey, Mike Fortier, Elizabeth Hawkins, Mariann Letarte, Wayne Moynihan

- I. Miller called the hearing to order at 6:00 PM.
- II. Review of the 2008-2009 Budget and Warrants

- A. 2008-2009 Budget

Plourde introduced the budget by stating that it was down \$17,000 from last year. She presented some of the highlights as she presented the 2008-2009 Budget -

- Decrease in tuition

- Decrease in testing services

- SAU #20 is at a level budget from last year

Miller asked if there were any questions, and none were asked.

- B. Warrant Articles

Plourde reviewed the Warrant Articles. She explained each one as it was presented to the public.

Bousquet explained Warrant Article 10 – the AREA Withdrawal. Bousquet presented the history, the work that was done last year, and the state requiring certain town officials to be on the committee.

Dubey asked when AREA expires. Miller stated that it is indefinite, and the state was requiring contract agreements with a definitive term. Letarte asked why Berlin is not agreeing to the idea of Tuition agreements. Bousquet explained the steps he has taken. With an AREA Berlin can better determine their guaranteed revenue based on the number of students that is coming in. If it is a tuition agreement, they may be uncertain of this revenue stream.

Letarte asked why bids were requested for transportation. Plourde explained that our current 5 year contract will expire by the end of the year and state law requires that it is put out to bid to protect the district.

Dubey asked if students chose to tuition to Groveton, would Dummer be liable for providing transportation. Bousquet explained no, it would be similar to Errol, and that parents would be responsible.

The Board introduced themselves and the Administrators. Plourde explained that the administrators will be present at the Hearing.

Miller thanked everyone for attending and the budget hearing was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer