

**2011-2012 Budget Hearing
Dummer School District
Monday, February 7, 2011
Dummer Town Hall**

Present: *School Board* - Julie Glover, Diane Holt and Elizabeth Ruediger
Administration - Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Steve Gordon, Co-Director Special Education; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator
Public: Marianne Letarte, David Dubey, Chris Miller and Taylor Thomas

- I. Call to Order – Julie Glover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Presentation of the Dummer School District 2011-2012 Budget/Warrants – Pauline Plourde reviewed the budget for a total appropriation of \$769,776. She explained that the increase was mainly due to an increase in tuition students which was mitigated by the decrease in special education tuition. A small increase was seen in support services – speech, and occupational therapy, as well as transportation which is in the 4 year of a 5 year contract. Currently there is an expectation of 4 additional students in the budget of which 2 are projected; one at the elementary level and one at the middle school level.
- III. Public Comments – David Dubey requested that the number of students per grade would be made available along with a comparison of tuition rates for trending purposes. Pauline explained that it will be included in the district report. Paul further explained the rationale of not publishing the names of students in order to protect those families privacy as they may have requested.
- IV. Other - None
- V. Adjournment – the budget hearing was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on a **motion by Elizabeth Ruediger and a second by Diane Holt**. Meeting adjourned.

**Dummer School Board Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2011
Dummer Town Hall**

Present: School Board - Julie Glover, Diane Holt (absent in order to attend the Town Budget Hearing), and Elizabeth Ruediger
Administrators - Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Steve Gordon, Co-Director Special Education; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator
Public: Taylor Thomas

- I. Call to Order– Julie Glover called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
- II. Approval of December 6, 2010 Minutes – **Motion made by Elizabeth Ruediger to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor with Elizabeth abstaining.**
- III. Public Comments - None

- IV. Written Communication
- Berlin Board Minutes
 - Milan Board Minutes – Minor discussion on the bullying policy took place. Milan is looking to have an AREA study on their warrant which will follow the procedure Dummer went through. Wondered about the possibility of a K-8 school in Milan which will be part of the study.
 - Milan Calendar 2011-2012 – Milan and Berlin Calendars are the same.
 - Berlin Calendar 2011-2012
- V. Superintendent's Report – Paul spoke on the Milan Study above. He also informed the board on potential savings in health insurance, although it does not affect the Dummer budget though has an impact in Milan. On Monday, February 7th, all staff within our SAU received training on bullying per State requirements. The schedule speaker did not show up, so Paul conducted the training.
- VI. Business Administrator's Report
- School District 2011-2012 Budget/Warrants-Discussion/Adoption– **Motion made by Elizabeth Ruediger to adopt the 2011-2012 as submitted at the public hearing; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor.**
 - Monthly Financial – No discussion. The projected fund balance stands around \$10,000; \$7,500 is being used to assess the impact of next year's taxes.
 - Other – Formal approval of financial audit. **Motion made by Elizabeth Ruediger to approve the financial audit conducted by the town's auditors ending June 30, 2010; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor.**
- VII. Principal's Report – It was commented that it was interesting to see that the SWIS data reported referrals in Art class and not other electives. Paul pointed out that the Swiss data is quite detailed and pointed other referrals such as recess, and classrooms. Paul informed the board on the amount of data that is collected from Milan. He also stated that every time the commissioner of Education sees Paul, she compliments David Backler and his staff for the positives that are taking place at the Milan Village School. Their hard work is evident and has paid off.
- VIII. Sped Directors' Report – Steve was available to answer questions on his two sped reports. Although the lifeskills in program is not new at the elementary level in Gorham, they have been fortunate to recruit Diane Brodeur Fossa from Berlin School District, reporting that she is doing a great job with the program. Steve indicated that the Milan is equipped to currently take care of students with disabilities. He also pointed out that our out of district placement is currently within 2-3 weeks of getting his diploma due to working with Neil Tennenbaum's alternative program in conjunction with the schools. He also indicated that he looks for innovative ways to address the needs in the district in collaboration with Becky, Paul and Pauline. The board expressed their appreciation of Steve's hard work and diligent efforts for the success of our students.
- IX. Public Comments – Taylor Thomas explained that she is currently enrolled in a civics class and that one of the requirements is for her to attend a school board meeting and or city council meeting. It was discussed that she would get a broader perspective if she had an opportunity to attend the city council meeting.

- IV. Non-Public Session (If Needed) – None needed
- V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2011-School District meeting 6:00p.m. – None discussed
- VI. Other – The board inquired about the status of their W-2's. The Alert Now calling system was discussed. There are some parents who are receiving calls pertaining to the EF. Paul explained that Rob Malloy, the SAU's Technology Director is working on straightening out these issues.
- X. Adjournment - **Motion made by Elizabeth Ruediger to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator