

School Administrative Unit #20 Board
Public Hearing for 2009-2010 Budget
December 11, 2008
Milan Village School

Present:

Dummer School Board: Julie Glover, Elizabeth Ruediger

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Co-op Board: Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Jo Carpenter,
Michele Cormier, Kathleen Kelley, Stephen Michaud, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine, Greg
Corrigan (arrived 7:11PM)

Milan School Board: Kevin Evans, Sandy Pouliot, Patricia Shute

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, Special
Education Co-Directors Steve Gordon, and Becky Hebert-Sweeny

I. Call to Order

Shute called the Public Hearing to order at 7:10 PM.

II. Review of 2009-2010 Budget

III. Pubic Questions and Comments - none

IV. Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board

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II. Approval of Minutes dated: November 13, 2008

MOTION made by Michaud to accept the Minutes of November 13, 2008 as presented. Motion seconded by Ackerman. Vote: 11 – 0-3 (Abstain: Glover, Cormier, Evans)

III. Adoption of 2009-2010 Budget

MOTION made by Ackerman to accept the 2009-2010 Budget. Motion seconded by Corrigan. Discussion - Plourde discussed balance. Vote: 13-1 (Opposed: Brown). Motion approved.

IV. Written Communications

- Primex Book for Chair

Shute stated she had received the book.

V. Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent's Evaluation Update

Evaluation has been given to board members. Shute reminded board members to have it complete and returned by January.

- Family Resource Center Report

Discussion on the report received from Cathy McDowell. Carpenter reminded the Board of the history. Kelley stated that paying a set rate would benefit the FRC in setting their budget. Parteno commented that if the Board paid rent, it would in addition to the Co-op ownership of 11% of the building. St. Germaine asked if the SAU would still be responsible for 11% of

maintenance expenses in addition to rent. Kelley commented that the revenues coming into the FRC is from grants and fundraisers. Board continued with the discussion emphasizing the responsibility they have as elected board members with taxpayers' money, not grant funds. Plourde presented amounts paid by SAU last year. SAU paid 11% of costs, which equaled \$8134 divided between space at \$5134 and an additional \$3000 for parking, plus \$5200 for the bond. Plourde budgeted \$7,120 for rental of additional office and the \$5200 for the bond for 2009-2010. Bousquet suggested that in addition to the 11%, the Board could approve an additional \$200 a month payment. Board expressed concern with binding a future Board to an agreement without a contract.

MOTION made by Carpenter to pay an additional \$200 dollars a month to defray the costs for this year which will not impact the taxpayers and tax rate and that the money will be taken out of the SAU Board's surplus. Motion seconded by Partenoep. Discussion. Corrigan reiterated that we own 11 % of building, and renting 22%. Kelley expressed her preference for a negotiated contract for future plans. Brown stated that the SAU Board is fiscally responsible and has a surplus and will not redo our budget to address their shortfall. Plourde stated that SAU board cannot donate but can contribute to additional expenses. Co-op Board can enter into a contract, not the SAU Board. **Vote: 13-1 (Opposed: St Germaine) Motion approved.**

- Number of Policy Books

Board agreed that there would be a hard copy at the SAU Office, one for the Board Chair, and for the Policy Committee Chair

- Alert NOW

Bousquet explained that Dummer and Milan would still have to call if there is a snow day tomorrow, but Co-op is set. He explained that there hasn't been a test yet, but parents will be called by 6:00 AM. A cancellation will also be on radio and TV.

VI. Policy Book Report

Second reading and adoption of BEDG-R, EB, EBC, EBCD-R

MOTION made by Kelley to accept the second reading of BEDG-R, EB, EBC, EBCD-R as presented. Motion seconded by Corrigan. Vote: 14-0. Motion approved.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

Plourde requested board increase the budget to cover the amount from the surplus to be paid to the Family Resource Center.

MOTION made by Kelley to increase the 2009-2010 budget by \$2400. Motion seconded by Carpenter. Vote 14-0. Motion approved.

- PRIMEX

MOTION made by Kelley to accept the offer presented by PRIMEX to reduce rates by 2% by participating in the Primex health extra discount program. Motion seconded by Pouliot. Discussion. Vote: 13-0-1 (Abstained: Partenope). Motion approved.

- 403(b) Plan Document Adoption

Plourde explained how 403(b) Plan was set up. Partenope stated that it is the best of a bad situation. Partenope explained the history of changing the law and regulations and now employers and districts are responsible and the liability is high. Cormier stated that public employees are also enrolled in the state retirement. Plourde stated without this plan, the tax shelter portion would be in jeopardy.

MOTION made by Kelley to accept the 403(b) Plan Document proposal. Motion seconded by Corrigan. Vote: 14-0. Motion approved.

- Monthly financials

VIII. Special Education Directors' Report

Sweeny stated that they have received the final report from state and will present it at next month's meeting.

Gordon explained that they are working with building administrators making adjustments with programs. He stated that some changes are very positive and others need to be tweaked. He explained that the other part of their work is to keep a lid on some of their kids who are very active so they can remain at out of district placement. Also, they have several students who are in out of district placements that they are trying to lay the groundwork to bring them back to their district. He explained that they have been making adjustments so students will all have a successful experience transitioning back.

Gordon also stated that there might not be a preschool screening tomorrow, due to inclement weather. There are 13 children registered, and there will be an OT and an academic screening. He reiterated that the intent of the screening is to determine if the youngsters may need additional services and if so, they would have to do more intensive assessments. He added that it gives them a heads-up on needs coming into our school system. If the screening is cancelled, it will be scheduled for January.

Glover commented on unsolicited positive comments a Berlin teacher had made about Gordon.

Bousquet complimented special education directors being committed and to being fiscally responsible. He added that teachers, and administrators, have all worked to keep the budgets in line. Bousquet stated he is proud to be working in the office with these people.

IX. Non-Public Session – none

X. Other

Shute reminded Board members the superintendent's evaluations are due by January. St. Germaine asked about help in filling out forms. Brown explained evaluations would be handled at the next Co-op meeting.

Brown recommended attending area concerts.

Brown stated that it was not appropriate for our board to discuss another organizations bookkeeping. She reiterated that the board is a policy driven board, not designed to micro manage.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION made by Ackerman to adjourn. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 14-0. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20

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