

SAU #20 Board

Public Hearing for 2010 – 2011 Budget
Milan Village School Library
December 10, 2009

Minutes of Hearing

Present:

Dummer: Elizabeth Ruediger

Errol: None

GRS: Angela Brown, Julie St. Germaine, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, Jo Carpenter

Milan: Kevin Evans, Sandy Pouliot, Patricia Shute

SAU Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde,
Special Services Co-Director Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny

I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to 7:02 PM.

Bousquet explained a GRS Board member has resigned, so there are now only a total of seventeen members and quorum has been met.

II. Review of 2010-2011 Budget

Brown commented she had seen the budget published in the local newspaper.

III. Public Questions and Comments - none

IV. Adjournment

Shute closed the hearing at 7:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board

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I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

II. Public Comments - none

III. Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2009.

Motion made by Partenope to accept minutes of November 12, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 8-0-1 (Evans abstained). Motion approved.

IV. Adoption of 2010-2011 Budget

Discussion on increase in health insurance.

Motion made by Carpenter to accept the SAU 2010-2011 Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 10-0. Motion approved.

V. Written Communications

- Letter received from Title IIA.

- Ad for budget hearing in Berlin Sun

VI. Committee Reports

1. Policy committee

Brown shared a report written in verse – “Policies Past, Present and Future” that included her resignation of the chair from the committee.

2. Professional Development

Carpenter discussed the revisions on the professional development plan. Carpenter stated that the committee has approved the changes. Carpenter asked for the Board to accept the changes.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the changes to the Professional Development Plan. Motion seconded by Corrigan. Discussion on typographical errors to be corrected. Vote: 10-0. Motion approved.

3. NCES Representative

Partenope reviewed the report that he submitted and was included in the SAU Board member packets.

4. Technology Committee

Corrigan reported that he submitted a plan revision to the SAU office, and it will be going to the members of the technology committee for their review. Discussion ensued on grant decisions of Title IID funds. Ouellette asked about the status of the Technology Director job description.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

1. Financial Report

Plourde reported that her projected fund balance has increased \$400.

Health Insurance bid is due January 7th. SAU board will need to approve it. Plourde explained how the SAU board could approve it and then each district's board could approve at their meeting to expedite the process.

Discussion on how to word the motion.

Motion made by Corrigan that the SAU board would accept the decision of the school districts pursuant to the health insurance bid. (PAUL 8 min on the tape to find the exact wording!!)

Motion seconded by Ruediger. Vote 9-0-1 Partenope abstained.

VIII. Special Education Directors' Report

Hebert-Sweeny reported on numbers of the special education population. A high percentage of students who move into the districts require special education services.

Partenope asked about the state's average. Hebert-Sweeney reported the last figure she knew was 14%, but that figure is about 4 years old. She stated she would provide the actual current state average at the next meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report

1. Bousquet discussed putting a lock-in price for oil prices for 2010-2011.

2. Corrigan asked about evaluations. Shute stated she would like them before the end of January. Carpenter requested Board self-evaluation forms be distributed.

3. Bousquet explained that he initiated a slogan contest for the SAU. Tomorrow is the last day, and the winner will receive an I-pod Nano.

4. Partenope asked about the electricity providers. Bousquet explained that they provide for businesses, and they take the current monthly bill and can determine if they can save money. He explained that PSNH set their rate of 9.37 per kWh whereas the companies can lock businesses in at a rate of X/per kW per year.

Discussion on alternative energy. Bousquet explained the wind turbine was too expensive. Evans asked about Berlin's report on using wood pellets. Evans stated that 50 schools in Vermont are using biomass.

X. Public comments - none

XI. Nonpublic Session - none

XII. Other

Brown reported that the Gorham chorus, Berlin Chorus and Christmas Chorus would be performing on Friday and Sunday.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Ruediger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Corrigan. No discussion. Vote: 10-0. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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