

**Sanborn Regional School District Budget Committee Meeting
December 19, 2013
Approved Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Attendance:

Members:	Barry Gluck, Chair	Tom Gasse, Vice Chair
	Beth Ann Scanlon	Paul Brisson (excused)
	Roger Clark	Patty Stephan (excused)
	Allen Felisberto	Nancy Ross, School Board Rep.

Administration: Carol Coppola, Business Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Committee Comment: None.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

- **Motion:** Accept the minutes from the 12/12/2013 meeting (Mrs. Ross)
 - **Second:** Mr. Gasse
 - **Discussion:** none
 - **Vote:** 5-0 Motion passed – one (1) abstention (Mr. Felisberto)

School Board Report (Ms. Ross):

- Nancy Ross observed that 68% of increase is not touchable (due to contractual obligations, increases in energy, retirement funding and special education.) There was medium to low discussion amongst the school board in regards to a number. School Board is expected to vote on Wednesday, January 8, 2013. January 14th warrant articles will be presented.

Old Business:

- **Questions to Administration from BudComm & Discussion**
 - *Mr. Felisberto:* What is the default amount?
 - *Ms. Coppola:* The default amount (on page 219) is \$33,199,985.
 - *Mr. Gluck:* Are the cafeteria changes due to more kids eating in a shorter period of time?
 - *Ms. Coppola:* The HS will be offering year long courses which will require the necessity for an additional 4th lunch time to offer to the students.
 - *Mr. Felisberto:* In regards to the expense for the student information grade book start up, is that to replace the Pinnacle system?
 - *Ms. Coppola:* Yes. The Pinnacle system was purchased to be used for both Student ID and grade book. Sanborn is a pioneer in the state utilizing competency based grading system. Pinnacle informed Sanborn that they would not be supporting the software any longer.
 - *Mr. Gluck:* Any suggestion from other SB members?
 - *Mr. Clark:* Stated that it was his belief that a warrant article has circulated to require the SB and BudCom to place monetary % of each warrant article per question as well as actual vote.
 - *Mrs. Ross:* The monetary tax impact per warrant article is an estimate not actual amount therefore it is not accurate. There are too many variables to state each one on the ballot,

however; the explanations are provided in the presentations to the public both verbally and written.

- *Ms. Scanlon:* Possible cuts may include video recording equipment as well as new extra-curricular sports. However, would like to maintain proposed budget dollars for in school athletic/health program changes.
- *Mr. Clark:* Feels constituents do not want any increase in the budget; the only increase should be for warrant articles.
- *Mr. Gluck:* The job of the Budget Committee is to balance the needs of the district and the student needs.
- *Ms. Ross:* Default budgets can cause schools budget planning to implode over time. Eight to nine years of default budgets eat away at programs.
- *Ms. Ross:* During the School Board meeting Bart Noyes made case for adequate funding for schools; she said he made a great case for the lack of support and necessary state funding.

New Business: None.

Public Comment:

- *Ms. Gannon:* Kingston resident, administration has put forth a reasonable budget.

Committee Comment:

- *Mr. Gluck:* The public entrusts us to take the time to learn what is in the budget and then balance the needs of the school and the community's ability to pay. We should provide the voters with a choice between the proposed budget and the default budget. However, any reason given for why a particular budget is voted in (or not) is pure conjecture. One possibility is that the BudCom did not recommend it.

Schedule of Future Meetings:

- 1/02/13: Budget Committee Meeting (vote)
- 01/09/14: Budget Committee Meeting (assemble presentation)

Motion: To Adjourn (Mrs. Ross)

- Second: Mr. Gasse
- Vote: 6-0
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann Scanlon, Budget Committee
Kingston