

SAU 34 Special Board Meeting
Deering, Hillsboro, Washington, Windsor
December 15, 2016 meeting minutes
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A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Chair Hahn led the Pledge of Allegiance, and made the announcement as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called, and notice of the meeting has been posted for time and in the manner required by law.

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was taken by the secretary with the following results:

Hillsboro-Deering School Board	Rich Pelletier-	Present
	Christopher Bober-	Present
	Paul Plater-	Present
	Nancy Egner-	Present
	Steven Hahn-	Present
Washington School Board	Gayle Terani-	Absent
	Linda Musmanno-	Present
	Karen Belanger-	Absent
	Kathy Atkins-	Absent
	Cameo Mulliner-	Absent
Windsor School Board	Darlene Cuddy-	Present
	Gloria Landry-	Absent
	Cynthia Stosse-	Absent
- Robert Hassett, Superintendent
- Patricia Parenteau, Assistant Superintendent
- Lori Schmidt, Business Administrator
- Carol Fogarty, Executive Assistant

C. Recess Meeting to Public Hearing

Motion to recess the meeting made by Rich, seconded by Chris and approved unanimously.

D. Call Meeting Back to Order

Chair Hahn called the meeting back to order at 7pm.

E. Discussion Items

a. 2017-2018 SAU #34 Budget

The unaudited, uncommitted fund balance is \$111,133. \$60,000 was applied this year.

Estimated savings were discussed, Steve would like to be able to identify where the savings might be. Rich and Linda cautioned against estimating a savings for June in December. Rich recommends dropping the return amount to \$70,000. Nancy agrees. The \$75,000 reserve is used to meet payroll over the summer, prior to receiving a check from the town. Paul would like to increase the return by \$6,000. Darlene and Chris said \$90,000. Steve suggested \$70,000. Superintendent Hassett said that a goal was to soften the tax burden by returning \$90,000, and going backwards is not a good idea.

Paul motioned to change the amount to \$96,346, seconded by Nancy. Motion failed, 1-6.

Rich motioned to reduce the amount to \$70,000, seconded by Nancy. Superintendent Hassett said \$20,000 would be passed on in the assessments. Rich is projecting over a longer period of time. Motion approved 5-2; Paul and Chris voted against.

Rich agreed with Russ, 8.5% is too large an increase to ask for. \$15,000 for strategic planning is an area that can be put off. \$1,500 for equipment is meant for updating. Rich suggested \$1,700,000.

Chair Hahn said, for the record, comments made at the budget hearing relative to the SAU personnel, including the Superintendent that they are doing a good job for the towns, which is reflected in ongoing evaluations and contracts.

Strategic planning would be the first thing to go, if the default budget is passed. Superintendent Hassett suggested negotiating the rent paid to HD. A significant cut would affect hourly personnel.

Motion to approve a budget of \$1,070,000 made by Rich, seconded by Nancy. Withdrawn until action items.

F. Public Forum

Chair Hahn repeated the reaffirmation of confidence in the Superintendent and staff and the good job they are doing for the community and students.

G. Action Items

1. Minutes November 17, 2017

Motion to approve minutes of November 17th made by Nancy, seconded by Rich. Paul motioned to amend adding "to the total NH school districts over and above the base cost plus the

cost-of-living adjustments.” after 5 million dollars every year on page 3, F, d, seconded by Rich and approved unanimously. Steve motioned to delete “of which no one was confused about” and change 2016 to 2017, page 3, F, d, seconded by Chris and approved unanimously. Minutes approved as amended 6-0-1; Darlene abstained.

2. Approve 2017-18 SAU 34 Budget

Motion to approve a budget of \$1,070,000 for the 2016-17 school year made by Rich, seconded by Nancy and approved 5-1; Chris voted against.

H. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Rich, seconded by Nancy and approved unanimously at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gardner, Board Secretary