

**Amherst & Mont Vernon  
VOTERS' GUIDE**  
to the

**Deliberative Session**

of the  
**Souhegan Cooperative School District**  
(Grades 9 - 12)

**February 3, 2009**

**7:00 p.m. – Souhegan High School Auditorium**

**Officers and Agents of the School District**

**Souhegan Cooperative School Board**

**Amherst Representatives**

**Stephen Coughlan, Chair**

**Christine Janson**

**Jeanne Ludt, Vice Chair**

**Mary Lou Mullens**

**Dana Redmond**

**Mont Vernon Representatives**

**Pamela Coughlin**

**Daniel Foley**

**School District Moderator**

**Cynthia Dokmo**

**School District Clerk**

**Nancy Baker**

**School District Treasurer**

**Ann Logan**

**Souhegan Finance Committee**

**Marilyn Peterman, Chair**

**Gail Agans**

**Andrea Baver**

**Fran Harrow**

**Mary Mahar**

**John Rizzi**

**Peter Stearns**

**Office of the Superintendent**

**Mary Jennings, Superintendent of Schools**

**Renea Sparks, Director, Special Instruction Services**

**Elizabeth Shankel, Business Administrator**

**Nicole Heimarck, Director, Professional Development & Curriculum**

**School Administration**

**Scott Prescott, Principal**

**Robert Thompson, Dean of Students**

**Colleen Meaney, Dean of Faculty**

**Kristen Gallo, Dean of Faculty**

*Please bring this Guide with you to the Souhegan Cooperative School District (9-12) Deliberative Session on February 3, 2009.*

## **A Message from the School Board Chairman**

Once again we look back over the last school year and the start of this school year. Souhegan, in cooperation with the Amherst and Mont Vernon Districts, is now in the middle of year two of our five year literacy initiative. With the support of all three boards, teachers and administrators across K-12 are focusing on literacy in all subject areas to strengthen reading and writing skills – an approach designed to improve knowledge and critical analysis skills across the entire curriculum. This school year Souhegan joins the Amherst School District in using NWEA MAP testing to identify and track individual student progress and needs with nationally normed assessments, allowing for more personalized attention to needs and strengths for each student. Last year's election saw changes in the school board, as members Janet Gaynor (Amherst), Christine Morley (Amherst), and John Walsh (Mont Vernon) chose not to run for re-election, and new members Pam Coughlin (Mont Vernon), Christine Janson (Amherst), and Mary Lou Mullens (Amherst) joined the board.

We also welcomed some new administrators to Souhegan for the new school year: Bob Thompson is our new Dean of Students, Chris Lavoie is our new Athletic Director, Susan Grant is our new Director of Special Education Services, and Karen Chininis is our new Director of Guidance. Once again, we thank their predecessors, Ted Houlihan, Bill Dod, Amy Sarsfield, and George Ruppel for their service to our students. And, in the Superintendent's office, we welcomed Renea Sparks as the new Director of Special Education Services for the SAU, and Amy Sarsfield as Assistant Director, replacing retired Director Kathy Skoglund and former Assistant Director Renea Sparks.

Last year we operated under the default budget for FY07-08, and finished the year on June 30 with almost no reserves, particularly as unanticipated energy and special education costs appeared well into the school year. Thanks to the support of you, the voters, our proposed budget for this year passed last March, providing a well-thought-out financial plan for our current year. In addition, the board, administration, and staff are all grateful that the three year Professional and Support Staff agreement was approved at the polls, providing a stable base for our staff.

For next year, the board and administration propose a budget which continues to respond to declining student enrollment, just as last year's did. Reductions in controllable lines which reflect our target student/teacher ratios go far to minimize the tax impact of the budget, but some major uncontrollable increases, coupled with a change in the state aid formula, leads to an overall budget increase of just under 2.09%. The overall proposed budget achieves this through a total reduction of 8.4 staff (professional and support, in both regular and special education). While these are deep reductions, the board and administration believe they can be made without long term harm to the educational program we offer our students, and are appropriate in this time of economic uncertainty. We ask for your support in these trying times, as we plan for continued high quality education for our next generation of citizens, voters, and participants in the world economy.

*Steve Coughlan*

Chairman, Souhegan Cooperative School Board

## **Two-Part Voting Procedure for Souhegan Cooperative School District Annual Meeting**

The Senate Bill 2 official ballot voting procedure is in effect for the Souhegan Cooperative School District.

Voting to adopt or amend Souhegan Cooperative School District warrant articles takes place at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Deliberative Session. Final ballot voting on the articles that emerge from the Deliberative Session takes place at the polls on Election Day, March 10<sup>th</sup>, as shown below.

### **Voting is a Two-Step Process**

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**Deliberative Session**                      February 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 p.m.  
SHS Auditorium

**Ballot Vote**                                      March 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
SHS Gymnasium  
*for Amherst Voters*

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Mont Vernon Village  
School  
*for Mont Vernon Voters*

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In many ways the Deliberative Session resembles District Meetings of years past, but with one fundamental difference. Discussion and voting at this meeting will focus on the *wording* of the questions to be placed on the March 10<sup>th</sup> ballot, *not* on voting whether the budget, bond, or other warrant articles pass or fail. The wording of a warrant can be amended to change the dollar amount and/or the wording; this is important to know. In recent years towns and school districts have seen warrant articles amended at the Deliberative Session to \$0.00, thereby defeating the original intent of the article. In other instances, the wording of an article has been amended to completely reverse the petitioner's intent. Simply stated, it is important to attend the Deliberative Session and vote on Election Day for the full effect of your vote to be felt.

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The following pages contain the wording of the warrant articles, which will be presented at the Deliberative Session, plus school board commentary (noted in italics). A detailed report of recommendations by the Advisory Finance Committee follows these articles and commentaries.

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**SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT  
February 3, 2009 and March 10, 2009  
AMHERST AND MONT VERNON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Souhegan Cooperative School District, consisting of the towns of Amherst and Mont Vernon, in the County of Hillsborough, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Souhegan High School in said district on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., for Session I (Deliberation), for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This session shall consist of the explanation, discussion and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 8. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

You are hereby further notified to meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, for official ballot voting on warrant articles numbered 1 through 8, and any other action required to be inserted on the official ballot. The polls for official ballot voting will be open as follows:

- Voting for Amherst residents: Souhegan High School, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Voting for Mont Vernon residents: Village School, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1. To elect all necessary Souhegan Cooperative School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot on March 10, 2009.

- Election of one (1) member of the School Board from Amherst for the ensuing three (3) years.

Article 2. Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$17,730,722**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$17,582,364**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Souhegan Cooperative School unanimously recommends the passage of this article. The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article.**

***Souhegan Cooperative School Board Commentary:***

*The proposed budget is an increase of less than 2.09% over the budget we are operating with this year. This budget includes the second year of costs from the three year Professional and Support Staff agreement approved last year by the voters. Controllable costs have been minimized, including reductions in regular and special education professional and support staff. Increases include a one-*

*time accounting expense, continued old technology replacement, and anticipated special education needs.*

Article 3. Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$40,000** from the year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) if available on July 1, 2009 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund known as the School Maintenance Fund previously established in March, 2005.

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Souhegan Cooperative School unanimously recommends the passage of this article. The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article.**

***Souhegan Cooperative School Board Commentary:***

*This article adds to the approximately \$40,000 balance in the maintenance expendable trust. The trust is intended to meet unanticipated maintenance and other extraordinary needs, which are expected to grow as the school facilities age. A special advisory committee provides guidance to the school board on the use of this trust.*

Article 4. Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote, in accordance with RSA 198:20-c VI, to authorize the school board to accept a privately donated trust to be known as the Artificial Turf Trust Fund for the design, engineering, construction and maintenance of an artificial turf field?

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Souhegan Cooperative School unanimously recommends the passage of this article. The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article.**

***Souhegan Cooperative School Board Commentary:***

*This will create a new expendable trust, which will solely contain privately donated funds. No monies raised from taxes can or will be used for this fund. This fund will be used to accumulate funds to install an artificial turf field, which can provide field time equivalent to building 3 or more natural fields, reducing the pressure on athletic fields for both school and recreational use in town. The trust will be administered by the Souhegan School Board.*

Article 5. Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District require all votes of the Souhegan Cooperative School Board and the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee relative to warrant articles to be recorded votes and that the numeric tally of any such vote be printed in the School District Warrant next to the affected warrant article?

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Souhegan Cooperative School unanimously recommends the passage of this article. The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article.**

***Souhegan Cooperative School Board Commentary:***

*It is common practice in Amherst and Mont Vernon to indicate the positions of boards and advisory finance committees for each article on the warrant through the for/against vote tally. The NH Department of Revenue Administration advises that this should not be done without explicit permission from the voters. If this article is approved, we can continue our tradition of providing board and advisory vote summaries for each article.*

Article 6. Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to **discontinue** the Souhegan School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created under the provisions of RSA 198-20:c in March, 1995? Said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Souhegan Cooperative School District's general fund.

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Souhegan Cooperative School unanimously recommends the passage of this article. The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article.**

***Souhegan Cooperative School Board Commentary:***

*Over the years, the Souhegan School Board has created two different expendable trusts with similar names and purposes. This housekeeping article will discontinue the older fund with less money (approximately \$3500, depending on the interest earned on the date it is terminated), leaving the 2005 Maintenance Expendable Trust as the sole fund for this purpose. The balance from the terminated fund will become surplus (not expendable in the current year). If both this and Article 3 are passed, they will become part of the \$40,000 added to the 2005 Maintenance Expendable Trust.*

Article 7. Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to **discontinue** the Souhegan Co-Curricular Participation Expendable Trust Fund created under the provisions of RSA 198-20:c in March, 2001? This fund has a zero balance.

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Souhegan Cooperative School unanimously recommends the passage of this article. The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article.**

***Souhegan Cooperative School Board Commentary:***

*This expendable trust was created in 2001 and never funded. Since then, a more appropriate accounting system has been put in place to track and control Co-curricular revenues and expenses, so there is no need for this*

*empty expendable trust to continue. This housekeeping article will formally eliminate this unneeded and unwanted trust.*

Article 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**Souhegan Cooperative High School Advisory Finance Committee  
Report to the Souhegan Cooperative School District  
FY09-10 Budget Deliberative Session**

Committee Members:

Amherst – Gail Agans, Fran Harrow, Mary Mahar, Marilyn Peterman (Chair), and Peter Stearns

Mont Vernon – Andrea Baver and John Rizzi

**Article 2:**

The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee reviewed the expenditures and revenues for the 2009-2010 budget and concluded that the Administration and School Board submitted a budget that continues to meet the objectives of providing an excellent education for all students by supporting curriculum needs and educational goals.

This budget accounts for the anticipated reduction of thirty six students by reducing both professional and non-certified staff. It also increases fees for student activities and student parking.

The line items that have the greatest impact on the budget continue to be salaries and benefits, transportation and Special Education for out of District expenses. We continue to believe that it is necessary to remain on track for replacing and upgrading technology and maintaining the literacy program.

The overall increase in the budget is 2.09% which is reflected in a reduction of \$.01 in the tax rate for Amherst and a \$.33 increase for Mont Vernon.

The Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee voted unanimously to support Article 2 as presented by the Souhegan School Board.

We have also recommended studies for long term building repairs, upgrades and energy efficiency for the school.

**Article 3:** The Advisory Finance Committee voted unanimously to support Article 3.

**Article 4:** The Advisory Finance Committee voted unanimously to support Article 4.

**Article 5:** The Advisory Finance Committee voted unanimously to support Article 5.

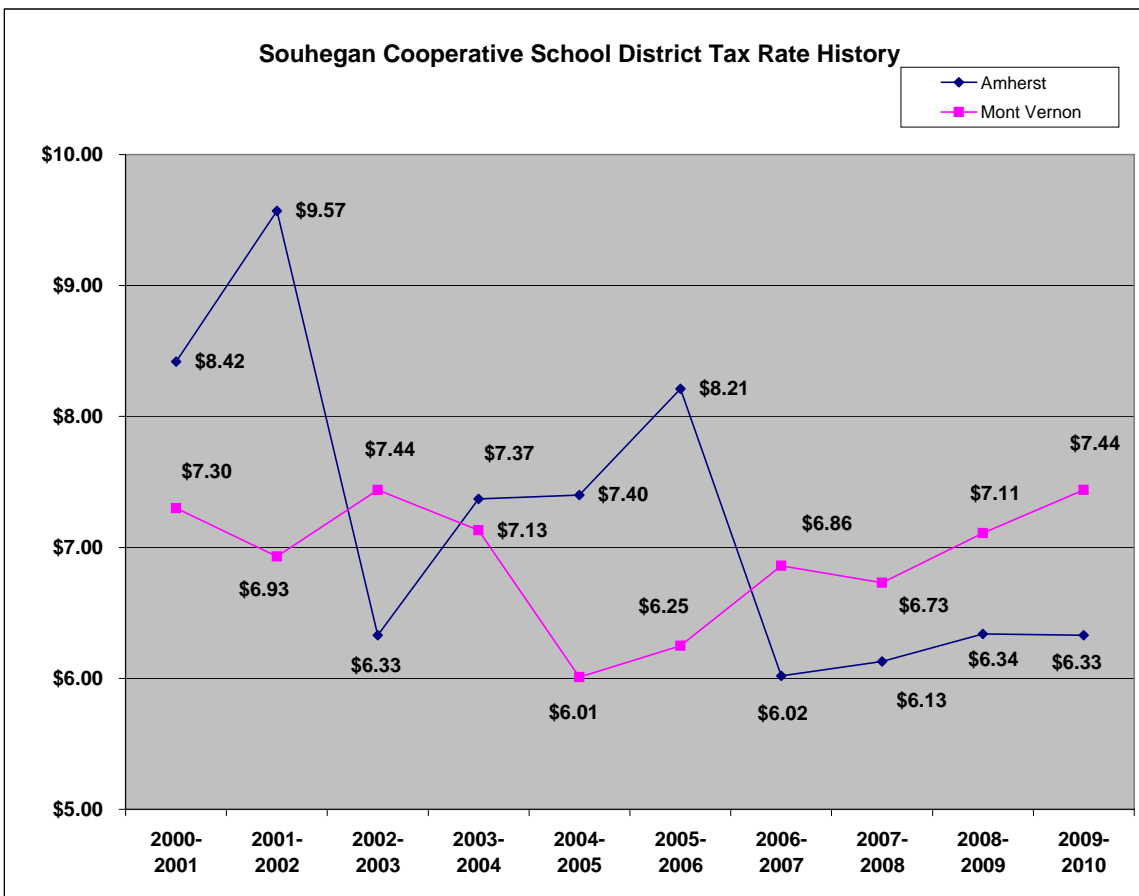
**Article 6:** The Advisory Finance Committee voted unanimously to support Article 6.

**Article 7:** The Advisory Finance Committee voted unanimously to support Article 7.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Peterman, Chairman  
Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee**

**Souhegan Cooperative School District  
FY10 Summary of Warrant Articles and Tax Impact**

Article #	FY 2008-2009 Budget	Cost	Estimated Tax Impact	
			Amherst	Mont Vernon
		\$17,368,523	\$6.34	\$7.11
2	Operating Budget - Net Increase	\$362,199	(\$0.01)	\$0.33
	<b>Total FY 2009-2010 Budget</b>	<b>\$17,730,722</b>	<b>\$6.33</b>	<b>\$7.44</b>
	Tax Impact to \$400 K Home - Budget Only		(\$4)	\$132
3	School Maintenance Trust	\$40,000	\$0.02	\$0.03
	Tax Impact to \$400 K Home - Article 3		\$8	\$12
6	School Building Maintenance Trust	(\$3,500) \$	- \$	-
	<b>Total FY10 Budget and Articles 3 and 6</b>	<b>\$17,770,722</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$0.36</b>
	<b>Total Tax Impact to \$400 K Home</b>		<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$144</b>



**Souhegan Cooperative School District  
FY10 Revenue Summary**

<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>2008-2009 DRA</b>	<b>2009-2010 Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
	General Fund Expenditures	\$16,652,751	\$17,018,281	\$365,530
	Special Revenue and Food Service	\$715,772	\$712,441	(\$3,331)
	<b>Budgeted Expenditures (All Funds)</b>	<b>\$17,368,523</b>	<b>\$17,730,722</b>	<b>\$362,199</b>
<b>770</b>	<b>Unreserved Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$281,539</b>	<b>\$177,307</b>	<b>(\$104,232)</b>
	<b>State Aid</b>			
3210	School Building Aid	\$325,040	\$285,487	(\$39,553)
3230	Catastrophic Aid	\$500,000	\$540,000	\$40,000
3270	Driver Education	\$16,575	\$16,575	\$0
3280	Medicaid	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$40,000
3290	Other			\$0
	<b>Subtotal: State Aid</b>	<b>\$901,615</b>	<b>\$942,062</b>	<b>\$40,447</b>
	<b>Federal Aid</b>			
4500	Grants In Aid	\$203,401	\$211,791	\$8,390
	<b>Subtotal: Federal Aid</b>	<b>\$203,401</b>	<b>\$211,791</b>	<b>\$8,390</b>
	<b>Other Revenue</b>			
5100	Sale Of Bonds / Notes			
5230	Transfer From Cap. Pr. Fund			
	<b>Subtotal: Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Local Revenue</b>			
1300	Tuition - Parents, Summer School, Adult Ed	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
1400	State AV 1 Transportation Reimbursement	\$4,000	\$7,500	\$3,500
1510	Interest Income	\$60,000	\$55,000	(\$5,000)
1600	Food Service	\$490,564	\$496,650	\$6,086
1700	Pupil Activities	\$85,000	\$138,750	\$53,750
1910	Rentals	\$9,000	\$25,000	\$16,000
1990	Other - Local Grants & Trusts	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
	<b>Subtotal: Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$677,564</b>	<b>\$751,900</b>	<b>\$74,336</b>
	<b>Assessment:</b>			
	Budgeted Expenditures (All Funds)	\$17,368,523	\$17,730,722	\$362,199
	Less Unreserved Fund Balance	\$281,539	\$177,307	(\$104,232)
	Less Subtotal: State Aid	\$901,615	\$942,062	\$40,447
	Less Subtotal: Federal Aid	\$203,401	\$211,791	\$8,390
	Less Subtotal: Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Less Subtotal: Local Revenue	\$677,564	\$751,900	\$74,336
<b>1111</b>	<b>Current Appropriation</b>	<b>\$15,304,404</b>	<b>\$15,647,662</b>	<b>\$343,258</b>
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1112	Deficit Appropriation			
	Advance Appropriation			
	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$15,304,404</b>	<b>\$15,647,662</b>	<b>\$343,258</b>
	<b>AMHERST SHARE</b>	<b>\$12,949,944</b>	<b>\$13,173,500</b>	<b>\$223,556</b>
	Adequacy Aid Grant	\$1,297,818	\$1,528,445	\$230,627
	Statewide School Property Tax	\$1,425,475	\$1,401,025	(\$24,450)
	Total Credits- Amherst	\$2,723,293	\$2,929,470	\$206,177
				\$0
	Assessment - Town of Amherst	\$10,226,651	\$10,244,030	\$17,379
				\$0
	Net Assessed Value/\$1000 - Amherst	\$1,842,351	\$1,842,351	\$0
	Tax Rate - Amherst	\$5.55	\$5.56	\$0.01
	Local Assessed Value/\$1000 Less Utilities	\$1,808,507	\$1,808,507	\$0
	Statewide School Property Tax	\$0.79	\$0.77	(\$0.02)
	<b>Total School Tax - Town of Amherst</b>	<b>\$6.34</b>	<b>\$6.33</b>	<b>(\$0.01)</b>
	<b>MONT VERNON SHARE</b>	<b>\$2,354,460</b>	<b>\$2,474,162</b>	<b>\$119,702</b>
	Adequacy Aid Grant	\$527,286	\$561,124	\$33,838
	Statewide School Property Tax	\$223,136	\$212,101	(\$11,035)
	Total Credits- Mont Vernon	\$750,422	\$773,225	\$22,803
				\$0
	Assessment - Town of Mont Vernon	\$1,604,038	\$1,700,937	\$96,899
				\$0
	Net Assessed Value/\$1000 - Mont Vernon	\$257,252	\$257,252	\$0
	Tax Rate - Mont Vernon	\$6.24	\$6.61	\$0.37
	Local Assessed Value/\$1000 Less Utilities	\$256,283	\$256,283	\$0
	Statewide School Property Tax	\$0.87	\$0.83	(\$0.04)
	<b>Total School Tax - Town of Mont Vernon</b>	<b>\$7.11</b>	<b>\$7.44</b>	<b>\$0.33</b>

**Souhegan Cooperative School District  
FY10 Budget Proposal Summary by Function**

Function	Description	FY09 Voted Budget	FY10 Proposed Budget	Variance \$	Variance %	FY10 Proposed New Format
1100-1199	<b>Regular Education Programs-</b> Teacher salaries, textbooks, substitutes, supplies	\$5,209,291	\$5,390,467	\$181,176	3.48%	\$6,956,531
1200-1299	<b>Special Education Programs-</b> Teacher salaries, aides, substitutes, evaluators, textbooks, supplies, and items specific to SPED	\$2,811,876	\$3,089,392	\$277,516	9.87%	\$3,663,925
1400-1499	<b>Other Programs -</b> Interscholastics, intramurals, student body activities	\$412,736	\$377,230	-\$35,506	-8.60%	\$397,350
1600-1699	<b>Adult Education Programs</b>	\$1	\$1,000	\$999	99900.00%	\$1,112
2000-2199	<b>Student Support Services-</b> Guidance, health, nurses, and SRO salaries	\$718,574	\$725,552	\$6,978	0.97%	\$938,117
2200-2299	<b>Instruction Support Services-</b> Library salaries, supplies, curriculum coordinators, professional development, consultants	\$401,569	\$408,186	\$6,617	1.65%	\$482,578
2300-2319	<b>School Board-</b> Treasurer, moderator, SB stipends, SB minute taker	\$44,398	\$53,387	\$8,989	20.25%	\$54,117
2320-311	<b>District Assessment - SAU 39</b> Souhegan portion of the SAU budget	\$629,433	\$645,142	\$15,709	2.50%	\$645,142
2400-2499	<b>School Administrative Services-</b> Principal salary, Deans' salaries	\$567,940	\$567,934	-\$6	0.00%	\$735,241
2500-2599	<b>Business-</b> Printing costs	\$9,500	\$4,500	-\$5,000	-52.63%	\$4,500
2600-2699	<b>Operation and Plant Maintenance-</b> Custodial salaries, electricity, natural gas, water, trash, loss and liability insurance premiums, building maintenance	\$998,203	\$991,586	-\$6,617	-0.66%	\$1,140,327
2700-2799	<b>Student Transportation-</b> Bus contract, fuel	\$511,139	\$512,417	\$1,278	0.25%	\$512,417
2800-2899	<b>Support Service - Technology</b> Technology staff salaries, local and wide area network costs	\$213,658	\$225,006	\$11,348	5.31%	\$259,189
2900-2999	<b>Support Services - Other</b> Health, dental, life insurance, workman's compensation, disability insurance, FICA, Medicare taxes, retirement, annuities, longevity payments	\$2,817,738	\$2,798,746	-\$18,992	-0.67%	\$0
4000-4999	<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>	\$7,500	\$0	-\$7,500	-100.00%	\$0
5110	<b>Debt Service - Principal</b>	\$740,032	\$713,718	-\$26,314	-3.56%	\$713,718
5120	<b>Debt Service - Interest</b>	\$559,163	\$502,017	-\$57,146	-10.22%	\$502,017
5200	<b>Fund Transfer to Food Service</b>	\$17,807	\$12,000	-\$5,807	-32.61%	\$12,000
	<b>Total Fund 10</b>	<b>\$16,670,557</b>	<b>\$17,018,281</b>	<b>\$347,724</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>\$17,018,281</b>
	<b>Fund 21 - Food Service</b>	<b>\$490,564</b>	<b>\$496,650</b>	<b>\$6,086</b>	<b>1.24%</b>	<b>\$496,650</b>
	<b>Fund 22 - Title Grants/IDEA Grant</b>	<b>\$207,401</b>	<b>\$215,791</b>	<b>\$8,390</b>	<b>4.05%</b>	<b>\$215,791</b>
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$17,368,522</b>	<b>\$17,730,722</b>	<b>\$362,200</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>\$17,730,722</b>

**Souhegan Cooperative School District  
FY10 Default Budget Calculation**

		Current Format	New Format
<b>Adopted 2008-2009 Budget</b>		<b>\$ 17,368,522</b>	<b>\$ 17,368,522</b>
<b>REDUCTIONS</b>			
	Other Programs	\$ 35,506	\$ 15,386
	School Administration	\$ 28,407	
	Business	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	Plant Operation & Maintenance	\$ 51,680	
	Student Transportation	\$ 9,672	\$ 9,672
	Employee Benefits	\$ 21,552	\$ 2,817,738
	Facilities	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
	Debt Service - Principal & Interest	\$ 83,460	\$ 83,460
	Fund Transfers	\$ 5,807	\$ 5,807
	Food Service Fund	\$ 4,522	\$ 4,522
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 253,106</b>	<b>\$ 2,949,085</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>			
	Regular Programs	\$ 148,416	\$ 1,714,482
	Special Education	\$ 277,166	\$ 851,698
	Student Support Services	\$ 4,452	\$ 217,017
	Instructional Staff Services	\$ 1,194	\$ 75,586
	School Board	\$ 8,389	\$ 9,081
	SAU Management Services	\$ 15,709	\$ 15,709
	School Administration		\$ 136,488
	Plant Operation & Maintenance		\$ 97,061
	Technology	\$ 4,551	\$ 38,734
	Employee Benefits		
	Federal Grant Fund	\$ 7,071	\$ 7,071
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 466,948</b>	<b>\$ 3,162,927</b>
<b>FY 2009-2010 Default Budget</b>		<b>\$ 17,582,364</b>	<b>\$ 17,582,364</b>
<b>FY 2009-2010 Proposed Budget</b>		<b>\$ 17,730,722</b>	<b>\$ 17,730,722</b>
<b>Difference Between Default Budget and Proposed</b>		<b>\$ 148,358</b>	<b>\$ 148,358</b>

## **MODERATOR'S RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### **Souhegan Cooperative School District Deliberative Session**

1. No smoking in the building.

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Announce Rules 2, 3, and 4 only if attendance warrants:

2. Non-voters will be permitted in the auditorium only if room permits after meeting has begun.
3. Rooms 101 and 102 are set up with audio and video from the auditorium if needed, for an overflow crowd.
4. People in overflow rooms 101 and 102, if any, who wish to speak must use a microphone in the auditorium.

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5. Motions to amend must be made in writing and will be voted separately. Amendments will not be allowed to accumulate.
6. Each speaker shall state name and limit his or her time at the microphone to three minutes. No individual will be allowed to speak a second time until all others wishing to speak for the first time have done so.
7. Speakers wishing to address the meeting should form a line at either of the two standing microphones (one labeled "For" and one labeled "Against"). The moderator will attempt to alternate pro and con points.
8. The moderator will only accept a motion made at a microphone.
9. No motion to call the question shall be accepted by the moderator until there has been sufficient debate on the article.
10. A motion to restrict reconsideration in accordance with RSA 40 Section 10 should be made immediately following the announcement of the vote on that article.
11. The moderator will dispense with reading the warrant at this time; however, each warrant article will be read when it is moved to the floor for deliberation and action. The warrant is also printed in the Voters' Guide. The Annual Report and Voters' Guide to Official Ballot Voting will be sent to all residents prior to March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cynthia Dokmo  
Souhegan Cooperative School District Moderator