

# **Souhegan Cooperative High School Advisory Finance Committee**

## **Draft Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2007**

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Souhegan Annex Room A222

In attendance: Dan Foley (Chair), Christine Morley, Marilyn Peterman, Allise de Smet, Julie Whitcomb and May Balsama

Two main agenda items were discussed:

- Warrant articles, and
- Preparation and content of our committee report.

It was noted that we still need an explanation of the key points of the salary agreement reached during negotiations. Dan Foley will request that information be provided by the school board.

Concerns were raised regarding other tax impacts – Town of Amherst and Amherst School, relative to the increase at Souhegan. Amherst Schools have not come to agreement regarding the employee salary increases, and so that budget increase is not known at this time. The committee agreed that our report must include strong support of the proposed budget. The various areas of increase were reviewed and specific items to be address in our report identified, including but not limited to the following:

- Special Ed increases;
- Salary and Benefits;
- Technology replacement;
- Retirement – mandated increase of district funding vs. state;
- Shifting of staff for “at risk” students and “Response to Intervention” programs.

Dan will draft the report and submit to the committee for review and comment this week.

The three draft warrant articles were individually reviewed and discussed. Each was voted upon and unanimously approved as written.

The board voted to accept the minutes from last meeting.

The next school board meeting is January 11. The public hearing regarding the budget is January 15 in the high school auditorium.