

MINUTES
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD
DECEMBER 20, 2005
BUDGET WORKSESSION
Souhegan High School Info Center

Chairperson Steve Coughlan called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Present:

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Steve Coughlan, John Rizzi, Jeanne Ludt, Jan Phelps, Phyllis Thomas, Janet Gaynor (arrived 7 pm.)

Administration: Howard Colter, Susan Ward, Scott Prescott, Kathy Skoglund Financial Advisory

Committee: Art Faint, Anne Dodd, Dan Foley, Mike deChambeau, Allise deSmet, Christine Morley

Minutes Recorded By: Phyllis Thomas

Motion to go into nonpublic session made by Jan Phelps, seconded by Jeanne Ludt. Steve Coughlan: yes; John Rizzi: yes; Jeanne Ludt: yes; Jan Phelps: yes; Phyllis Thomas: yes. Motion passed.

Board entered nonpublic session to discuss personnel matters at 6:09 pm.

Motion to come out of nonpublic session made by Jan Phelps, seconded by Jeanne Ludt. Steve Coughlan: yes; John Rizzi: yes; Jeanne Ludt: yes; Jan Phelps: yes, Phyllis Thomas: yes. Motion passed to come out of nonpublic session at 6:30 pm.

Board discussed ways to pare down budget. Susan Ward distributed copies of a gross budget draft. Scott Prescott distributed copies of his suggestions for possible budget cuts.

Jan Phelps moved to accept Scott Prescott's cuts to the technology budget. John Rizzi seconded. Vote was 4 in favor with Jan Phelps against. Motion passed.

Jan Phelps moved to accept Scott Prescott's suggested cuts to the special education portion of the budget. Janet Gaynor seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jan Phelps moved to accept Scott Prescott's cuts to the info center and interscholastic budgets. Jeanne Ludt seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Janet Gaynor moved to raise athletic user fees by \$5: from \$50 to \$55 per sport per student. Janet Phelps seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Corrections made to list of activity stipends reflecting replications. It was noted that there were two entries titled Souhegan League of Dancers and League of Dancers. One was eliminated. There were two entries titled Strictly Music. One was eliminated.

Art Faint suggested eliminating stipends for three activities with less than 10 students participating. Scott Prescott will check on correct participation numbers and make recommendation.

Janet Gaynor moved to freeze activity stipends at last year's levels. Jeanne Ludt seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

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These draft minutes will become official when adopted by the school board.

Jan Phelps moved to go into nonpublic session at 9 pm to discuss teacher negotiations. Jeanne Ludt seconded. Steve Coughlan: yes; John Rizzi: yes; Jeanne Ludt: yes; Janet Gaynor: yes; Janet Phelps: yes; Phyllis Thomas: yes. Motion passed to go into nonpublic session.

Board discussed teacher pay.

Janet Gaynor moved to come out of nonpublic session at 9:23 pm. Jan Phelps seconded. Steve Coughlan: yes; John Rizzi: yes; Janet Gaynor: yes; Jeanne Ludt: yes; Janet Phelps: yes; Phyllis Thomas: yes. Motion passed. Board came out of nonpublic session.

John Rizzi moved to adjourn. Phyllis Thomas seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.