

Meeting Minutes

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Cape Elizabeth, Maine

A special meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 7:00p.m., preceding the scheduled workshop meeting, in the Cape Elizabeth High School Library.

School Board members present were:

Kathy Ray, Chair

Peter Cotter

Patricia Brigham

Rebecca Millett

Kevin Sweeney

Linda Winker

Alan H. Hawkins, Superintendent of Schools

Unable to Attend: Karen Burke

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Kathy Ray.

Others present included: Tom Eismeier, Jeff Shedd, Steve Connolly, Troy Henniger, John Casey, Gary Lanoie, Sarah Simmonds, Dominic DePatsy, Pauline Aportria, Sue Weatherbie, Dwight Ely, Mort Soule, Mary Bruns, and other citizens, students and staff

1. Chairperson Kathy Ray noted that the purpose of the meeting threefold: first to cut \$43,804 from the School Board budget for the fiscal year 2008 to meet the Town Council 3% spending limit; to consider adding \$27,949 to the budget to continue the current Pond Cove and Middle School health program; and to consider salary and benefits for non-union Central Office employees for the 2007-08 school year.

2. Budget Discussion

· The administrative proposal to make up the majority of the \$43,804 was to cut the Latin program at the high school due to lack of enrollment. It was pointed out that additional student have signed up for Latin I but only 2 had signed up for Latin II. A number of parents and students were in attendance to show their

support for maintaining the Latin program and for the Latin teacher, Mr. Soule. Each person desiring to do so was allowed to speak. The Board listened to the concerns and discussed the alternatives.

- A letter from School Board member Karen Burke, who was unable to attend the meeting, was read by Chairperson Ray.
- A proposal to reinstate the .5 health teacher at Pond Cove in order to maintain the current Pond cove and Middle School health program was discussed in detail.

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- After discussion of the issues, Kevin Sweeney made a motion to reduce the Latin program at Cape Elizabeth High School by 1/5, maintaining Latin I, and to reinstate the .5 health teacher at Pond Cove School. In order to do this \$58,744 will be taken from the contingency fund. Linda Winker seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Financial specifics related to the motion:

\$43,804 cut based on Town Council vote of 3% spending limit

\$27,940 added to fund the health program

\$71,744 total needed to meet the 3% spending limit

-\$13,000 cut of 1/5 Latin (Latin II because of lack of enrollment)

\$58,744 still needed to meet 3% spending limit

-\$58,744 from contingency

\$ 0

3. Consideration of salary and benefits for non-union central office employees

Kevin Sweeney made a motion that the School Board approve the adjustments in the salary and benefits for all non-union employees in the central office including the Business Manager and the Superintendent as discussed earlier this evening in executive session. Linda Winker seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

4. Kevin Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Winker seconded. The motion was approved 6-0. The meeting was adjourned to a workshop session at 8:20 p.m. by a motion made by Kevin Sweeney, seconded by Linda Winker and approved 6-0.

5. At the Superintendent's request, the business meeting was reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Rebecca Millett made the following motion:

"I make a motion to approve the 2007-2008 school budget in the amount of \$18,791,623.00 of which \$2,177,240.00 is additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by 1,538,761.81\$.

The School Board recommends \$2,177,240.00 for the following reasons:

The state's funding model does not support all of the costs of the schools because it includes only those costs considered essential by the new state Essential Programs and Services (EPS) model."

Kevin Sweeney seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

6. Linda Winker made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Trish Brigham seconded. The motion was approved 6-0. The business meeting was adjourned to a workshop meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Alan H. Hawkins

Superintendent of School

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