

Budget Committee  
Minutes  
June 14, 2011

Present: T. Beard, M. Beck, R. Buckley, J. Burk, B. Cummings, C. Guagliumi, S. Heinrich, G. Krupp, A. Schneider and School Board liaison C. Ortega  
Excused: C. Barbera

A. Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 17, 2011. Second: C. Ortega. Corrections were suggested. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Public Participation I**

Nick Lavalley, Town Media Service Division Head told the Committee that he felt that there was sufficient space in the Town Hall meeting room to accommodate the Committee and that holding meetings in the new meeting room would result in a better meeting tape product for the residents of the town. He noted that Wednesday nights were available and other days might be workable.

Mike Malzone (Chamberlain Road) said he was interested in seeing the Committee move its meetings to Town Hall so that residents could watch Committee meetings live.

**Filling Vacancy**

A. Schneider told the Committee that Bill Boyd had sent a written resignation from the Committee just before the vacancy notice was sent out, so he had revised the notice to indicate that there were two open seats. However, the first order of business was to accept the second resignation.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to accept Bill Boyd's resignation from the Committee. Second: T. Beard. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

A. Schneider told the members that three people had sent in letters of interest. He said that one of them (Roy Swonger) was out of town and was requesting that those who knew him, speak for him. However, the other two candidates (Allyson Steixner and Rick Barnes) were present to be interviewed by the Committee.

Each candidate gave a brief statement and then answered questions from the Committee.

A. Schneider asked the members what process they wanted to use to determine which candidates should fill the seats until the next election. He said the Committee could use whatever process it decides, except secret ballot. He suggested each member could vote once, naming two candidates, and the two candidates with the most votes would win; or the Committee could vote for each seat separately. He suggested that there be a nomination and then a roll call vote.

S. Heinrich nominated all three candidates. Second: C. Ortega. A roll call vote was held.

	Rick Barnes	Allyson Steixner	Roy Swonger
Barbera, Christina	-	-	-
Beard, Todd	X		X
Beck, Michael	X		X
Buckley, Rod	X	X	
Burk, Jennifer	X	X	
Cummings, Bill	X		X
Guagliumi, Cinda	X		X
Heinrich, Stan		X	X
Krupp, Gary	X		X
Schneider, Andy	X		X
SB: Ortega, Chris	X		X
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

A. Schneider thanked all candidates and declared Rick Barnes and Roy Swonger elected. R. Barnes was sworn in by the School District Clerk and took a seat at the table.

**Meeting Day and Location**

A. Schneider stated that there were both good points and bad points about trying to have Committee meetings in the town hall meeting room. He said there were many questions that needed to be answered and that space is a concern, but he understood the practice of staff transporting equipment to the Upper Elementary to tape Committee meetings was not sustainable. He said another consideration was what night the Committee could or would meet. He polled members for meeting night preference. Some members expressed potential conflicts with meetings on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, but no member had conflicts on Tuesday.

Some members expressed interest in meeting in the town hall meeting room if there was sufficient space and a definite schedule could be set. Members asked whether meeting in the town hall would mean that meetings would be broadcast live. A. Schneider suggested that a tour of the facility, with members bringing budget books to test the space available for the Committee, would be appropriate. He noted that if more than seven members (a quorum) plan to attend, he would post the date as a meeting. He said that there would be further discussion on the issue at the next regular meeting.

**Training**

A. Schneider announced that the LGC Budget and Finance Training would be held during the day on September 20, 2011. He said that registration fees would be paid by the District for those who were interested in attending and that more information would be forthcoming in August.

A. Schneider stated he would contact DRA about sending someone to present an “evening” budget training in August. He indicated that this training would be a voluntary session, that he would invite Business Administrator Shevenell to attend and that he would try to arrange for the training to be held in the meeting room at town hall.

**Other**

S. Heinrich advised the members of the date and time of the memorial service for long-time prior member Norman Phillip's wife Martha.

G. Krupp asked for information about getting a School District email address. A. Schneider explained that now that the replacement Committee members had been chosen, he would contact the School District to arrange for addresses for all new members.

**Public Participation II**

There was none.

R. Buckley made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION passed unanimously.

A. Schneider stated he would let the members know about a date and time to tour the new meeting room at Town Hall and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich