

Merrimack School District Budget Committee
Minutes
October 27, 2020

Present: D. Coakley, L French, D. Illg (late), C. Lang, C. Mower, M. Murphy, L. Peters, G. Savitch, J. Guagliumi, E. Wilson, B. Stisser and School Board Alternate J. Hardy

C. Mower called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and asked M. Murphy to lead everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Minutes

C. Mower asked if anyone had any corrections to propose to the minutes of October 13, 2020. L. Peters requested a date correction.

C. Mower called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.

C. Lang made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020 as corrected. Second: L. French. MOTION PASSED: 10 – 0 – 1. (J. Hardy abstained.)

Filling Vacant Seat

C. Mower announced that Naomi Schoenfeld had submitted the only letter of interest in filling the open Committee seat. He said she was present and asked her to come forward and speak with the Committee.

Ms. Schoenfeld introduced herself and answered Committee questions.

C. Lang made a MOTION to appoint Naomi Schoenfeld to the Committee. Second: L. French.

A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED; 10 – 0 – 1. (J. Hardy abstained.)

C. Mower recessed the meeting at 7:15 PM to allow the School District Clerk to swear in Ms. Schoenfeld.

The meeting resumed at 7:20 PM and N. Schoenfeld took a seat at the table.

Next Meeting

C. Mower reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on November 5, 2020. An updated member list was distributed to members and C. Mower said he hoped that every member would try to be at every meeting. He asked School Board liaison Alternate J. Hardy to relay to the School Board his hope that, especially this year, a member of the School Board would be present at every meeting to provide the Committee with updated information on policy and finances.

Public Participation

There was none.

Member comments

L. Peters asked why training was being held tonight since the Committee had voted to hold the training on November 5th. She said that Roberts Rules of Order required a vote on a new motion in order to hold training tonight. She also wondered whether the public had received adequate notice so that they could attend.

C. Mower told her that the meeting had been properly posted and that there would still be training on November 5th. He said he would not recognize her concern.

B. Stisser offered to make a motion to address L. Peters' concern. C. Mower told him one was not needed.

Training

Pat Heinrich, the School District Clerk, gave a presentation on RSA 32, RSA 40:13 and RSA 91-A. (D. Illg arrived during the presentation.)

J. Guagliumi made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: M. Murphy. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

C. Mower adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich