

Merrimack School District Budget Committee  
Minutes  
June 8, 2021

Present: S. Adler, S. Albuquerque, D. Coakley, L French, C. Lang, C. Mower, M. Murphy, N. Schoenfeld, G. Savitch, E. Wilson and School Board liaison L. Peters

Absent: B. Stisser

Also Present: School District Clerk P. Heinrich

C. Mower called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

C. Lang made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021. Second: E. Wilson.

C. Mower asked if there were any corrections. There were none. MOTION PASSED: 8 – 0 – 3. (D. Coakley, C. Lang and G. Savitch abstained.)

**Filling Vacant Seat**

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

Mrs. Groff introduced herself and answered Committee questions.

C. Mower nominated Gina Groff to fill the open seat.

A roll call vote was held. C. Mower announced that Mrs. Groff was unanimously elected to fill the open seat.

C. Mower recessed the meeting at 7:40 PM to allow the School District Clerk to swear in Mrs. Groff.

The meeting resumed at 7:50 PM and Mrs. Groff took a seat at the table.

**Public Participation**

There was none

**Member Comments**

C. Mower said that Committee training would take place in the fall and asked if any members had comments they wanted to make.

D. Coakley said he thought the public should ask the member of the Committee, who was elected by write-in votes after signing the petition to eliminate the Committee, why he was going to serve on the committee.

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C. Mower asked if anyone wanted to respond.

G. Savitch said she was glad the committee was back and she was looking forward to a new year working with the diverse members of the Committee for the greater good of the community and working to make sure our children get the best education possible.

L. Peters said she agreed with G. Savitch and stated everyone had a common mission to serve the entire community which includes people without children. She said the next year will be a difficult year since the District will have an interim superintendent. She said this will be an opportunity to bring the community together.

E. Wilson said that everyone has different opinions about government, but she thought the Committee should think responsibly about how best to serve the community.

C. Lang made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Adler.

C. Mower declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich