

Poultney Town School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting Official Minutes
Budget and Negotiations
January 5, 2009
5:00 PM Central Office

Attendance:

Board Members: Mary Jo Teetor, Mike Nagar, Tracee Oakman Rupe, Al Jackson, Pat Davenport

Superintendent Thomas Gallagher, PES Principal Kristen Caliguiri, Business Manager Louis Milazzo, PHS Principal Jean Marie Oakman.

Community Member Guest Tom Mauhs Pugh

Mary Jo Teetor called the meeting to order at 5:10PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to finalize the budget figures and negotiation preparation. Mary Jo suggested moving into executive session and begin discussions with negotiation since Tom Mauhs Pugh was present and invited into the discussion by the board.

Al Jackson made a motion to move into executive session for negotiation preparations and budget. Mike Nagar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Mauhs Pugh excused himself at 7:15PM.

Principal Jean Marie Oakman excused herself at 7:30PM to supervise an athletic event.

Mike Nagar made a motion to move out of executive session at 7:55 PM.

Al Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It is important to move the budget proposal forward so that it can be prepared and included in the town report. The proposed final budget for FY10 is \$7,254,319.74 a .06% decrease (-\$4,637.26) from last year (FY09). It includes proposals decreasing personnel as well as putting money back in for security systems. Consideration of Dick Stewarts report to the board and administration in November was included in the consideration of the budget proposal.

- Action: Al Jackson made a motion to approve the budget proposal figure of \$7,254,319.74 for PTSD FY' 10. Mike Nagar seconded the motion.

Motion carried with roll call as follows: Tracee Oakman Rupe, oppose

Pat Davenport, yea

Al Jackson, yea

Mike Nagar, yea

Mary Jo Teetor, yea

Tracee Oakman Rupe commented that her vote in opposition to the full budgeted figure was because she disagreed with some of the cuts being proposed in executive session in relation to some of the additions.

Discussion ensued as there have been several meetings regarding budget and all board members are obligated to attend and participate in the process. The questions were not answered tonight to one board members satisfaction. The program rationale had been presented at previous meetings. The board was reminded some of details are confidential as specific staff considerations are still being sorted out. The questions arose at the end of the meeting after the administrator was not available to review full programming adjustments again. The board had in advance discussed that this would be the last meeting possible due to the preparation of the town report and commitments to bring the figure forward. Administrators have attended several meetings and explained programming will not be compromised by consolidating and restructuring. The final figure reflects the proposed program and due to some detail questions that the Superintendent is waiting advice for from attorneys the proposed details of the budget will remain executive session material until advice is received.

Superintendent Tom Gallagher has the proposal from Truexcullins Architecuture in regard to a renovation of the PHS Science Labs. The timeline is short as the board is hoping to be prepared to have and article for town meeting in March.

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Superintendent Gallagher is requesting the board consider approving the \$14,000 which will come from this current years budget to proceed with the completion of the study and design by Truexcullins tonight.

Action: Al Jackson made a motion to approve \$14,000 to retain Truexcullins Architecultural Firm to complete the study and design of PHS Science Lab renovation project proposal. Pat Davenport seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call as follows:

Tracee Oakman Rupe, yea

Pat Davenport, yea

Al Jackson, yea

Mike Nagar, yea

Mary Jo Teetor, yea

Pat Davenport made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Special on Thursday January 8, 2009 at PHS library. Negotiations with PTA at 5:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Teetor, chair