

**Approved
Candia Budget Committee Public School Hearing
And Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010**

Attendees: Chairman Ann Tierno, Carla Penfield, Kim Byrd, Allyn Chivers, Judith Szot, Craig Sandler, Selectmen's Rep. Carleton Robie, School Rep. Melissa Madden

Absent: Erin Asselin

Chairman Tierno called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

School Public Hearing

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chairman Tierno recognized the commendable work the School Board did to keep the budget level funded.
- PTO President Emily Roster asked why there was a cut in the Teachers salaries. School Board Member Melissa Madden said the School Board is looking to reduce the staff. There has been a decrease in enrollment and they are looking to bring the class sizes up. Dr. Littlefield agreed and added that the Teacher adjustment is one unfilled position and the general decline in enrollment is minimal with no impact on class sizes. There will still be extremely small class sizes.
- Emily Roster asked if the budget still included dropping the Spanish program. Melissa confirmed that the budget does include the elimination of the Spanish program so that there can be more time provided to the students in other areas. Dr. Littlefield also added that this decision is an educational one not fiscal.

Motion to close Public Hearing at 7:00. All were in favor.

Budget Committee Meeting

- There was no discussion on the Proposed School Budget. A motion was made to accept as is. The motion was seconded and all were in favor of accepting the proposed School Budget.

- School Warrant Articles were discussed. School Rep. Melissa Madden explained the following articles.
- Warrant Article #5 was to change the term of the School District Treasurer from a one-year term to a three-year term. This would be in alignment with other area towns.
- Warrant Article #4 is in relation to support the repeal of the “Evergreen Clause” which would restore local control in the collective bargaining and school district budget process.
- Kim Byrd mentioned there was no RSA cited on Warrant Article #5. Melissa will bring that to the attention of the School Board.
- Discussion whether there will be enough time to review and discuss the Town Warrant Articles on Wednesday, January 13th. The decision was to receive copies on Tuesday, January 12th and to meet at 6:30 on Wednesday.
- Selectmen Rep. Carleton Robie spoke on how hard he has worked with the Selectmen to level fund the budget and came to the Budget Committee thinking everyone was on that path. The Budget that the BC had submitted was not level funded. If the Selectmen agree to level fund the budget he will support that budget at the Deliberative Session. However, if the Selectmen will not support a level funded budget then he will support the Budget Committee’s recommended budget.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips