

Approved
Candia Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2010

Attendees: Chairman Ann Tierno, Allyn Chivers, Carla Penfield, Kim Byrd, Todd Allen, Erin Asselin, Selectmen's Rep. Carleton Robie, School Rep. Melissa Madden

Absent: Craig Sandler

Chairman Tierno called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

- Review and accept meeting minutes from 8/11/10.
- Discussion regarding the meeting with Chairman Tierno and Dr. Littlefield. Dr. Littlefield will be attending the Budget Committee Meeting October 13th. Topics were Collective Bargaining, Teachers Retirement, Healthcare increase, Special Education program, End of Year Balance, Utilities and Building Issues, Capital Reserve Funds, Enrollment Projections, Reading Programs and the sharing of a School Psychologist.

09-10 Budget Season Dates

- The Budget Committee will meet with the SAU on November 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Moore School Library.
- Review upcoming scheduled meeting dates.

New Business

- Review of the Budget Committee's Budget.
- Discussion of the School Enrollment Projections. Will now be done every year rather than every three years. Concern with the widening of Rte 93 impact. In addition, Dr. Littlefield said if

the enrollment decreases do not expect the cost to be reduced, it would just cost more per child. If the enrollment continues to decline it may be necessary due to costs to look into other options rather than the Middle School we currently have.

- The Budget Committee has been invited to the Selectmen's Budget Meeting on September 25th at 9:00 am.

Town Expense Sheets

- The part time person at Solid Waste was hired for every Sunday and when necessary. There was a comment made that in a time when there are budget issues and not increasing the budget or possibly wages, it does not make any sense to take on another person. The question was asked if we have people to cover when office staff is out.
- The new Building Inspector is doing well in his part time position. The Administrative Assistant hours are 24-28 hours to 30-32 hours and is also doing well in the position.
- Town Revenue up this month.
- Last year there was discussion related to the increase in health benefits for the Town employees.
- The Utilities line was projected to be over budgeted by 50%. Carleton has every electric bill to date and is researching it.

School Expense Sheets

- The Evergreen Clause was explained. However, the new Teachers Contracts were unable to be discussed due to current negotiations going on.
- Health Insurance as it effects collective bargaining. A 26% increase is expected with the new healthcare bill.
- Discussion related to possible alternatives for healthcare. Increase in deductible. Have employee pay into the plan. No more “opt out” compensation. More insurance plan options for employees.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips