

APPROVED

Dresden Finance Committee

Monday December 10, 2012

Norwich Public Library

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Present: Kristi Fenner, Mike Gerling, Heidi Postupack, Nate Stearns, Mary Fowler, James Dwinell (Chair), Kevin Cotter (left at 6:13pm), John Ruth, Cheryl Lindberg (arrived at 6:03pm)

Absent: Peter Christie, Joshua Durst, Cheryl Lindberg, Joshua Durst (there are currently 2 vacancies on the NFC), Daryl Press

Also Present: Adina Desalniers (public), Susan Sylvester

Meeting was called to order at 5:42 by Chair

1. Review/amendment of agenda
There were no adjustments to agenda
2. Public comments on items not on the agenda
There were no public comments
3. Minutes of DFC Meetings
Minutes of DFC meeting of November 5, 2012. A motion was made to accept the minutes by M Gerling. Seconded by H Postupack. Approved
4. Update on teacher contract negotiations
There was no update. There was a comment by K. Fenner that last year there was little information provided to the public regarding the proposed contract; there was hope expressed that the school board does a better job of providing the public with more information. Motion made by K Fenner that the committee request that the school board provide more detailed information regarding the major provisions of the contract and the financial impact of the contract on the budget to the public. For example, it was suggested that a separate flyer for the contract be included in the budget mailer. Seconded by H Postupack. There were no objections. The motion was Approved.
5. Update on Dresden budget/Discussion on Finance Committee position

H. Postupack made the following motion regarding guidance for the Dresden school budget:

Acknowledging that a flat to slightly decreased student enrollment is projected for both RMS and HHS for FY2013-14, it is the recommendation of the Dresden Finance Committee that the total Dresden operating budget should be held flat or modestly reduced, in line with the projected student enrollment, in an effort to contain per-pupil costs. Recognizing that individual line items may increase independent of other trends, the School Board will need to find reductions in other

areas to achieve a flat or modestly reduced Dresden net operating budget. This guidance is meant to enable Dresden's cost per student to trend down toward historic levels.

Seconded by K. Fenner. There was some discussion regarding the historical cost per student information. For 7 Against 1 Approved

6. Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2013 in Hanover

7. Adjournment Motion made to adjourn by N. Stearns; seconded by H. Postupack. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Submitted 12/10/2012

Michael Gerling

Secretary