

## **DRAFT Minutes**

**Dresden Finance Committee  
Hanover Town Hall**

**Monday, March 11, 2013  
Hanover, NH**

Members present: Daryl Press, Kevin Cotter, John Ruth, Kristi Fenner (Chair), Nate Stearns, Mary Fowler, Heidi Postupack, Michael Gerling, J. Buckey (alternate for P. Christie}

Community members present:

Members absent: James Dwinell, Joshua Durst, Peter Christie, Cheryl Lindberg

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

### **Agenda Items Discussed**

1. Review/amendment of Agenda:

The Chair asked for comments on the agenda and there were none.

Justin Campbell was not available for the meeting therefore item number 4 was postponed.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda:

There were no public comments

3. Minutes of previous DFC meeting:

Minutes from 2/11/2013: Item number 4 was amended to strike the second sentence "K. Cotter offered to provide detail as needed throughout the meeting." Motion to approve as amended by N Stearns. Seconded by J Ruth. Approved

4. Discussion of class size and curriculum offerings

Justin Campbell was not able to attend and therefore this topic was postponed

5. Review of 2013 Dresden budget review process:

There was a general discussion regarding what could be done to improve the process that was used for the budget development. It was noted that it would be helpful if we had continuity in meeting attendance and if we were able to spend more time with staff in their meetings. There was a discussion as to whether we should offer our guidance earlier. It was noted that one of the difficulties this year was that it was difficult to convene a quorum. Hopefully this will be corrected next year. It was suggested that we develop some preliminary guidance by the August/September timeframe. It was also discussed that we should decide if we wish to develop our own guidance independent of the School Board Budget committee or it would be better to opine on the Committee's Guidance once it was developed

6. Agenda items for April 8th meeting:

The next DFC meeting to be held at Tracy Hall on March 8, 2013.

7. Adjournment -

Motion to adjourn by K. Cotter with second by M. Fowler. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gerling

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