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Hanover Finance Committee

Monday January 23, 2012

Town Office

Hanover, NH

Members Present: Kristi Fenner (Chair), Mike Gerling, Kevin Cotter, Daryl Press, John Ruth, Heidi Postupack

Absent: Peter Christie

Also present: Katherine Bradley

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03PM

Agenda Items Discussed

1. Review/amendment of agenda motion
The Chair asked for comments not on the agenda. There were none.
2. Public comments on items not on the agenda
A community member discussed her concern with the teacher evaluation process in the tentative settlement of the new teacher contract. She wished the process of determining deficient teachers by the principal and the process of stalled compensation could have stayed the same as the old process, which required teachers look for alternative compensation. The community member would have liked to see the HFC look into this matter.
3. Minutes of HFC meeting of January 9, 2012
Motion by M. Gerling, second by K. Cotter. The minutes passed.
4. Hanover Budget Statement
There was discussion on the HFC's view on the Hanover Budget.
There was discussion on the new average class size of 18 students, and how Hanover is looking for a reduction in the budget in response to the drop in enrollment. It is hard to adapt in the short term, but over the course of two years the change will be able to be accounted for. There was a public comment on how the decrease in enrollment doesn't match the reduction in teacher numbers.

After further discussion there was a motion by M. Gerling to approve Articles 3,4,5,6 under the Hanover Budget, second by H. Postupack. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was suspended at 5:35PM to finish item 4 after the DFC meeting.

The meeting was reopened at 7:09PM.

There was a motion by J. Ruth to support the new teacher contract, Second by D. Press. The motion failed to a tie of 3 members in support to 3 members not in support

There was a motion by K. Cotter to support the total Hanover Budget of \$11,361,756 for 2012-13. Second by D. Press. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6 members in favor.

5. Other items arising after the posting of the agenda

There were none.

6. Adjournment

K. Cotter entertained a motion to adjourn, second by D. Press. The HFC adjourned at 7:12PM.

Recorded

Katherine Bradley

Submitted 01/29/2012

Michael Gerling

Secretary