

Members present: Kristi Fenner (Chair) John Ruth, Kevin Cotter, Peter Christie, Heidi Postupack

Absent: Michael Gerling

Also present: Katherine Bradley

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Agenda Items Discussed

1. Review/amendment of agenda

The Chair asked for comments on the agenda. There were none.

2. Public comments on items not on the agenda

There were no public comments.

3. Membership update

Heidi Postupack was newly added as a member of the HFC.

4. Minutes of DFC meeting of September 12, 2011

J. Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011; seconded by K. Fenner. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Review of the HSB budget guidelines and related materials

K. Fenner reported of her attendance to the HSB meeting. The HFC reviewed the HSB budget guidelines, which included a "Quick" Model showing how the HSB calculates the Hanover Budget. Also included was a sheet displaying the breakdown of the Special Ed program, showing the difference in Special Ed program costs in and out of district. The Out of District Special Ed program's average percent change was highly volatile as compared to the stable In District program, differing from 43.18% to 6.08%. The difference is accounted for by a higher cost per student for Out of District Special Ed programs. The HSB excluded the Out of District Special Ed program from the budgetary guidelines since it is out of their control.

6. Other items arising after the posting of the agenda

No public comments. There was general discussion on the "Quick" Model and the budget increase.

There was discussion on how a restatement should be made to the Dresden School Board regarding the Budget Guideline Recommendations by the DFC because the recommendation did not correctly match the views of the Dresden Finance Committee. It was agreed upon to discuss the decision further at the next DFC meeting.

7. Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn made by K. Cotter, seconded by P. Christie. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM