

MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Present: Jean Beadle, Ed Marudzinski, Barbara Sheppard, Alan Ballard

Absent: Kathy Garry, Russ Wakefield, Tom Randell (all by prior notice)

Public: Nancy Wright

Chairperson Jean Beadle called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. in the Moultonborough Meeting Room.

The minutes of the Dec 16, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Barbara, which was seconded by Ed.

The ABC Recommendations and Comments Report on the 2012 Library Budget was reviewed. The consensus was that the report is a positive reflection by the ABC regarding the Library Budget. The only comment concerned the suggestion that the report – consider stating that the library participates in the Town longevity stipend. This point would be included in the Salary & Benefits section of the report. A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Ed and approved unanimously to have Jean make the appropriate change prior to sending the report to Phyllis Prouty.

The next item was the recently ratified CBA between the SAU and the teachers' union. Mike Lancor had publicly announced highlights of the agreement and the ABC has a mandate to issue a report on it. In general the ABC felt that the CBA contained various changes that had been recommended by the ABC, especially the section that allows for end dates on the retirement incentives. Other positive points included language that allows either party to bring forth alternative health care plans for review this year and definitions of summer work hours. The ABC will have another meeting next Monday the 9th at 4:00 P.M .to finalize its comments on the CBA.

A letter from the ABC letter regarding the search for a new superintendent will be sent to the School Board and the Selection Panel. This letter will include the ABC's thoughts and ideas regarding the position and the qualities that a new superintendent should bring to the District. - It is important that this letter be finished prior to January 20.

The School Budget V.3 was discussed in detail at a public meeting yesterday afternoon with board members and the school administration. The ABC report on this latest and final version must be finished by Jan. 25. A review of yesterday's meeting and the points to be covered in the report were discussed. The ABC still feels that the while there are areas where spending could be decreased, the overall message will be to stress the desire that taxpayers get as much for their education dollar as possible. The \$14,000,000 school budget represents approximately 60% of the total taxes paid by Moultonborough taxpayers. Accordingly, the ABC feels that it is incumbent on the School Board and the Administration to focus on ways to maximize the dollars spent in relationship to the quality of education provided. Examples of specific areas that the ABC believes deserve further scrutiny are curriculum changes, a technology roadmap, and co-curricular activities. In addition, the ABC continues to feel strongly that

this is a perfect time to move to a part time Athletic Director in view of the declining enrollment and the trend towards fielding joint teams with Inter-Lakes. These items were all covered at length during the meeting held yesterday. Nancy Wright also questioned why the class size could not be increased.

The Town Budget report is to be finished and delivered by Jan.19 and will be discussed at next Monday's meeting.

At 11:03 a motion to adjourn was made by Ed, seconded by Alan, and unanimously approved.

Alan Ballard
ABC Member
Jan. 7, 2012

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