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**HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOP BUDGETGET COMMITTEEITTEE**

**November 16, 2009 Minutes**

- Members Present: Steve Pucci, Ray Valle, Forrest Milkowski, Dan Peterson and Greg d'Arbonne.
- Members Absent: Lorin Rydstrom, Greg McHale and Doug Davidson.
- Guests/Public Present: Four people present.

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1. Committee Chairman Steve Pucci called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.
2. Steve Pucci asked for Public input. Marie Degulis stated that she would be videotaping the meeting and then it will be passed to the Town Video programmers for broadcasting on the Public Service Channels for each Town. Marie stated she had checked into looking into the office supplies contract. The District has hired a Business Administrator and that person will be responsible for establishing the contract. Marie asked about the recent charges about the Budget Committee concerning the School Bus Routes. Ray Valle stated the issue was a response to a letter sent to the School Board from a parent who accused the Budget Committee of forcing the cut in buses. Ray further stated the response written by Steve Pucci addresses the fact that it was the School Board, not the Budget Committee as it is not authorized to make such cuts that made the reduction.
3. Ray Valle made a Motion that the Minutes of the October Coop Budget Committee Meeting be approved as amended; Forest Milkowski seconded the motion.
  - a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the October Minutes be approved as amended. Forest Milkowski seconded the motion.
  - b. **Vote:** 5 in favor of the motion, 0 against, 0 abstained. The motion passed and the October Minutes were approved with the approved amendments.
4. Minutes: Steve Pucci asked Greg d'Arbonne to get the August, September and October Minutes to Doris Lindgren as soon as possible.
5. Transportation issues: Steve Pucci asked if any members have heard more about the Transportation Issue (cancellation of some buses). Dan Peterson will look into the School Board's actions.

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6. SAU Meeting: Forrest Milkowski addressed this issue stating the Budget Committee for the Coop does not have input into the Budget of the SAU staff. He did brief on issues based on his experience in this area and as a member of the Brookline School Board. The Budget Committee members discussed this issue. 14 December at CSDA will be the SAU combined Board meeting to discuss this budget.
7. School Board Meeting on 18 November 2009: Steve Pucci stated he and Janice Tremblay have discussed how to do a concurrent Budget Committee and School Board Meeting. Steve asked if any of us have an issue with the date being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. He asked the Budget Committee members what date would be best for them. 16 December is the regularly scheduled meeting for the Coop School Board. Ray Valle stated he could not be there. The next question from Steve was the March District Meeting and the date for the meeting. There was discussion about whether the Coop District meeting should be the first meeting in March or the last meeting in March with no definitive conclusion. Steve then asked if any members had any questions he should bring up to the School Board. Forest Milkowski asked if we could get feedback from the School Board on our Budget Guidance. Ray stated Steve should not sit at the table with the School Board and, rather, speak from the audience and speaking as the Chair of the Budget Committee. Steve will ask to break out the budget by function so it is better for everyone to understand the budget and what effects additions and subtractions to the budget create.
8. Budget Discussions: Steve Pucci will talk to the other committees to see if they can coordinate requests for information from the SAU. Steve stated we had previously stated we wanted a quarterly budget review and one should be coming soon to cover the past quarter. It was determined that at the next Budget Committee meeting the Draft budgets will be an agenda item.
9. Steve Pucci asked Greg d'Arbonne to ask the SAU when the February meeting to review the Budget with the public will be. Greg will ask Doris Lindgren for all dates for meetings in February and March for the Budget Committee and School Board.
10. The next Budget Committee meeting is 21 December at 6 PM at the Middle School.
11. Forrest Milkowski motioned to adjourn. Ray Valle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg d'Arbonne  
Secretary

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