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HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOP BUDGET COMMITTEE
June 2, 2008 Minutes

- Members Present: Forrest Milkowski, Doug Davidson, Dan Peterson, Ray Valle, Steve Pucci, and Greg McHale.
- Members Absent: Lorin Rydstrom and Greg d'Arbonne.
- Guests/Public Present: None.

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1. Committee Chairman Forrest Milkowski called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.
2. Forrest Milkowski nominated Greg McHale to be acting secretary, the nomination carried unanimously.
3. Doug Davidson made a motion that the Budget Committee accepts the Minutes of the April 28, 2008 meeting as sent out by Greg d'Arbonne in his e-mail of "Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - 28 Apr 08 – Draft 2." Ray Valle seconded the motion.
 - a. **Motion:** Doug Davidson made a motion that the Budget Committee accepts the Minutes of the April 28, 2008 meeting as sent out by Greg d'Arbonne in his e-mail of "Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - 28 Apr 08 – Draft 2." Ray Valle seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 6 in favor of the motion, none against. The motion passed.

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4. Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee accepts the Minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting as sent out by Greg d'Arbonne in his e-mail of "Budget Comm Meeting Minutes - 8 May 08 – Draft 2." Dan Peterson seconded the motion.
 - a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee accepts the Minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting as sent out by Greg d'Arbonne in his e-mail of "Budget Comm Meeting Minutes - 8 May 08 – Draft 2." Dan Peterson seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 5 in favor of the motion, none against, 1 abstention. Doug Davidson did not attend that meeting so he abstained from the vote. The motion passed.
5. Discussion began regarding last meeting's decision to give one-year budget guidance to the school board:
 - a. Doug Davidson stated:
 - Look for economies of scale.
 - Intellectually, consider looking at fuel/transportation as an item separate from the total budget given its volatility. He does not want the process held captive by these cost drivers.
 - b. Steve Pucci stated:
 - He is not interested in giving an energy number unless we're going to talk about how to improve efficiencies within our usage of energy such as idling buses, open windows in the winter time, turning down the temperature by a degree or two, etc.
 - If individual cost drivers in the budget are not going to be examined to the same extent we examine fuel, the budget increase should be 0.
 - Doug Davidson and Greg McHale agreed with this sentiment.
6. Discussion regarding school administrator service line item and administrator to teacher ratio as represented in Greg d'Arbonne's e-mailed comments on this subject.
 - a. Greg McHale pointed out that the School Administrative Service line item is up 31% from 2002-2006 adjusted for inflation and student population growth using 2002 as a basis.
 - b. Dan Peterson pointed out that the co-op absorbs are larger allocation of SAU costs than the other pieces of the SAU (Hollis and Brookline independently).
7. Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee recommends a 0% net increase in the budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Doug Davidson seconded the motion.
 - a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee recommends a 0% net increase in the budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Doug Davidson seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 4 in favor of the motion, 2 against. The motion passed.
8. Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee offer to collaborate with the school board and administration on a zero-based budget review. Steve Pucci seconded the motion. Forrest Milkowski proposed the following amendment: ...for the purpose of coming up with a budget number that may or may not meet the zero percent guidance. The amendment did not receive a second.

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- a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee offer to collaborate with the school board and administration on a zero-based budget review. Steve Pucci seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 5 in favor of the motion, 0 against, 1 abstention. The motion passed.
9. Forrest Milkowski made a motion that the Chairman notifies the press of our two previous motions. Greg McHale seconded the motion.
- a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee Chairman notifies the press of our two previous motions. Greg McHale seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 5 in favor of the motion, 1 against. The motion passed.
10. Forrest Milkowski is going to talk to Tom Enright to inquire about a joint meeting where the Budget Committee will enter the meeting at 7PM on June 18, 2008 for 1 hour. The Budget Committee will meet at 6: 00 PM on that date for 1 hour.
11. Forrest Milkowski will contact Greg d'Arbonne to assist him in finding information regarding the administrator to teacher ratio.
12. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg McHale
Acting Secretary