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HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOP BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2009 Minutes

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

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1. Committee Chairman Steve Pucci called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Steve Pucci asked what everyone's feelings were for the next year and wanted to know if people were interested in various duties on the Budget Committee. Ray Valle made a motion that the Committee reelects the 3 officers from last year to the same positions. Forest seconded the motion.
3. Steve stated he would like a review of the School Board meeting so the Budget Committee knows what went on. He expects a Budget Committee member to do this at each meeting. He would also like to know the status of projects that were initiated, whether it is energy or transportation or whatever. In this manner we can see if there is progress or not. He stated that if he does not see support among the Budget Committee members for these requests, he will not volunteer to be the Chairman. Forrest stated he wants a Chairman who will be flexible to the Budget Committee members needs and opinions as well. Dan stated there is a concern with the Budget Committee from some on the School Board and in the Administration at the tone the Budget Committee is giving. Ray took umbrage to this perception and stated that when the Board was not doing what was stated to be done by the RSA's then the Budget Committee will push back. Ray withdrew his motion wants to divide the votes into 3 separate votes for each position. Ray nominated and Lorin seconded that Greg d be Secretary. Unanimous vote for Greg as Secretary. Forest nominated Greg mc as Vice Chairman and Ray second. 6 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain. Lorin nominated and Ray second for Steve to be Chair.6, 0 and 1.
4. Steve asked if there is something someone feels we need to do this year (add, improve, eliminate, whatever). He generated a list of discussions we have had in the past and was wondering if the Budget Committee wants to keep an eye on those items as we go forward. Dan stated the School Board had a meeting last Wednesday. The Board reiterated the process that they will use to take an action. They all agreed there would be a discussion by the Board

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and then they will take a formal vote on requests and then pass the approved request to the Administration. The Board would like all Committees to do the same if possible to reduce the work load on the Administration. Dan stated the second issue from the Board was a cost savings review Committee that would meet monthly to review the status of actions related to cost savings.

5. Steve asked each member to express what is important to each of us for the coming year and are there things we want to add, eliminate or improve. Topics included: quantifying SPED and able to monitor results; Teacher's Contract; Energy costs; Energy conservation; Transportation efficiency; Dues and Stipends; Budget Committee is like a "Controller" to advise on where and what is spent; process of how we do budget such as tracking expenses, overages and under spending. Long discussions ensued about actions in these and other areas.
6. The Committee decided to meet the third Monday of the month.
7. Forrest motion to adjourn. Dan seconded. Unanimous approval. The Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg d'Arbonne
Secretary