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HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOP BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 8, 2008 Minutes

- Members Present: Forrest Milkowski, Lorin Rydstrom, Dan Peterson, Ray Valle, Steve Pucci, and Greg McHale.
- Members Absent: Doug Davidson 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. Forrest requested a motion be made for an acting Secretary, Greg McHale volunteered.
2. Forest Milkowski stated the purpose of the meeting is to give budget guidance for the next 3 years, as requested by Dan Peterson. Each member spoke in turn. Much discussion ensued about each individual's perspective. Their opinions were:
 - a. Forest Milkowski: Steps and grades should be removed from the teachers' contract. Next 3 years: 3%, 2.5%, 2%.
 - b. Lorin Rydstrom: Does not think we should remove grades from contract. Agrees with Forest Milkowski's numbers; does not think we should give guidance on the contract. Include labor costs and previous items we removed (Out of District SPED) in overall guidance.
 - c. Dan Peterson: 3-yr guidance is 8 to 9%; not cumulative. Capped guidance over 3 yrs; no single year > x%, for example. Sustainable budget.
 - d. Ray Valle: Cost-per student approach. Flat budget, with ADM going down as it is now. 0% increase on the budget.

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- e. Steve Pucci: Concerns over efficiency. Performance-based, recognition/rewards. “Musts vs. wants.” Budget should remain the same or go down.
 - f. Greg McHale: Not willing to offer budget guidance because as a committee we have not gone through the budget and understood its cost drivers; what we can and can’t control and why we can or can’t control it.
3. Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee make a one-year recommendation to the School Board on the overall budget guidance. Dan Peterson seconded the motion.
- a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee make a one-year recommendation to the School Board on the overall budget guidance. Dan Peterson seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 4 in favor of the motion, none against. The motion passed.
4. Forrest Milkowski stated he was uncomfortable giving the School Board guidance during a meeting in which 3 members of the Budget Committee were absent. The other members of the Budget Committee shared the same sentiment. A point of clarification was made that the School Board is only seeking overall budget guidance and not specifically the teacher’s contract because the teacher’s contract issues are not for public meeting. Dan Peterson reported that the teacher negotiation date has not yet been set, though the original target was May.
5. Dan Peterson indicated that early June would be helpful for budget guidance.
6. Next Meeting: Forrest Milkowski stated the next Budget Committee meeting will be 2 June at 6 PM in the Middle School All Purpose Room, and we will vote on a budget guidance number at that point.
7. Ray Valle made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg McHale
Acting Secretary