

Recording Secretary Zavorotny called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

Present: Carrier, Hartnett, Klein, Major, Schill, Zavorotny.

Excused: Sanderson, Shaw.

Absent: Ebbighausen.

No replacement for the open position has been named.

Mr. Hartnett moved to accept the minutes for meetings 574 and 575 as printed.

Mr. Klein seconded. The motion carried with Mr. Mitchell abstaining.

Mr. Mitchell commented that the School Board is hoping to complete contract negotiations this evening. That will make it possible to complete the budgets which currently do not include any costs associated with the new contract.

In general, the proposed 2010-2011 budget represents a decrease over the current year's spending. This results in an estimated reduction in the tax rate of something over \$1.00. This reduction also assumes a surplus from the current year to offset taxes.

Mr. Hartnett voiced concern over the fact that a large amount of the savings is associated with lower SPED costs. Mr. Mitchell noted that this is driven by plans to keep more SPED students in the district, thus saving on tuition and transportation costs. Mr. Hartnett is still concerned as this can change so rapidly as families move in and out of town.

The committee reviewed the budget lines in comparison to the current budget and raised several questions about some areas showing increases. Mr. Mitchell noted those and will be sure to have answers Wednesday. Most were around supplies, etc which tend to be somewhat general in nature, so need further explanation. There were also concerns with Speech & Hearing and Building & Grounds costs as well as some added health insurance costs in accounts not previously having any.

Mr. Mitchell noted that this package also does not include Food Service costs and income.

Mr. Mitchell will tell Mr. Temmen the committee would like to be sure someone with the detail answers will be available Wednesday. Mr. Zavorotny also will be contacting Mr. O'Connor with that same message.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:30 in the High School Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter W. Zavorotny
Recording Secretary