

**MINUTES**  
**SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
**FINAL\*\*\*MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017\*\*\*FINAL**  
**SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING COMMONS**

**Present: Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Mary Lou Mullens, Howard Brown, Steve Coughlan, Pim Grondstra, Peter Maresco, David Chen, Dwayne Purvis**  
**SAU Administration: Peter Warburton, Adam Steel**  
**SHS Administration: Rob Scully**

**Minutes Recorder: Pim Grondstra**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mary Lou Mullens** called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

**Discussion: Souhegan FY18 Budget**

**Mary Lou Mullens** led a discussion on the Souhegan budget, in particular, reviewing the current class sizes and teacher:student ratios.

**Rob Scully** spoke about the current and FY18 projected program of studies as well as those classes that have multiple sessions.

A motion was made by **David Chen** to remove \$365,782 from the proposed FY18 budget in order to flatten the budget to a 0% increase from the adopted FY17 budget. **Pim Grondstra** seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

**Adam Steel** said that in order to remove any amount from the proposed FY18 budget that was presented at the Public Hearing, the Board would have to identify specific line items to be reduced or removed.

Board voted two in favor and five opposed to the motion. The motion failed.

A motion was made by **Steve Coughlan** to support the proposed FY18 budget of \$18,014,652 and place it on the warrant. **Peter Maresco** seconded the motion. No further discussion was held.

The Board voted five in favor and two opposed to the motion. The motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Margaret McCabe of Amherst spoke to the Board about lowering the default budget and suggested several line items that looked to be one-time expenses. Ms. McCabe also spoke about the SHS salary structure.

## **II. WARRANT ARTICLES**

### **ARTICLE 2**

“Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling eighteen million, fourteen thousand, six hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$18,014,652)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be seventeen million, nine hundred and three thousand, one hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$17,903,177), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? **Majority vote required.**

**A motion made by Steve Coughlan to place on the warrant, Article 2. Peter Maresco seconded motion. No discussion. Motion passed (5-2-0).**

## **III. VOTE TO SUPPORT WARRANT**

### **ARTICLE 2**

**A motion was made by Peter Maresco to support Article 2. Steve Coughlan seconded motion. Motion passed (5-2-0).**

## **IV. REVIEW OF MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

**6:55 P.M. Steve Coughlan** motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Peter Maresco**. Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).