

MINUTES
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 1 2010 5:00 P.M.
BRICK SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

Present:

Souhegan Cooperative School Board: Steve Coughlan, Fran Harrow,
Howard Brown, Christine Janson, Pim Gondstra Mary Lou Mullens, Jeanne Ludt

Administration: Jim Miner, Betty Shankel

Minutes Recorder: Christine Janson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Coughlan called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

II. BUSINESS

The discussion of the meeting centered on the Gale report on the Souhegan High School facilities. Several approaches to the repairs, additions, and renovations outlined in the report were brought forth, including:

- There was a question as to how much is presently in the Expendable Trust for Building Maintenance. There was general consensus that the fund needs to be built up and that fund is a possible source for an item like a roof replacement.
- The bonds are terminating and that monies that would have gone to debt repayment could stay in the budget and be used for some large items in the Gale report. There would be approximately \$500,000 available in FY13 and \$1,000,000 available in subsequent years.
- There was a discussion about bonding the entire cost of renovations except small items that are maintenance and should be handled within the budget.

There was a discussion of the rebuilding of the track and stadium field. While this is an expensive item, the track is becoming a safety issue.

The following strategy for paying for renovations, replacements, and additions was agreed to in principle:

- FY 12 warrant article to pay for security upgrades
- FY12 warrant article to add money to Expendable Trust for Building Maintenance
- FY13, FY14 and beyond: put the roof replacement, track/stadium replacement and other large items in the budget.

In response to a question from Board members, Betty Shankel said that the district will be eligible for building aid from the state for the facility work as long as the district spends over \$5,000,000 over five years.

In response to a question from Mary Lou Mullens, Betty Shankel will investigate whether or not someone who contributes to the special fund set up for artificial turf can get their money back if the field is not built.

Jeanne Ludt asked how much the tax rate would decrease if nothing is done once the bonds expire.

The Board agreed that there should be a joint meeting among the SCSB, Amherst School Board, and Amherst Recreation Commission to discuss the athletic-related recommendations of the Gale Report.

IV. REVIEW OF MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeanne Ludt and seconded by Fran Harrow. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.