

Souhegan Cooperative School District
Advisory Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2020

Convene 6:02 PM

Attendees:

SAFC: Mark Vincent, Jeanne Ludt, Joel Gordon, John Bowkett, Peg Harris, Dan Veilleux, John Stover, Martin Goulet

Board Members: None

Administration: None

Public: None

Martin moves to accept minutes from January 15th meeting. Peg seconds. All in favor.

Discussion of PPC agreement

- Joel questions “evergreen” nature of PPC agreements, regarding automatic step increases even after policy expires

Discussion of Proposed budget vs. Default budget

- Not much difference
- Deliberative amendment that significantly changes proposed could have major impact on ballot vote

Martin will not be at deliberative session – Joel will present SAFC opinions on warrant

Discussion of votes taken at last SAFC meeting and process which led us to this point

- Advisory Finance process needs to be documented and agreed to by Board
- Too many SAFC questions answered very late in budget process

Discussion of competency based grading system

Discussion of how budget savings were achieved and process of determining amount of reduction

SAFC would like to see connection of spending priorities to overall vision for district

Discussion of deliberative presentation

- Responsible budget proposal and PPC agreement resulted in votes in favor
- SAFC would like better collaboration with Board and Administration next budget season

Discussion of maintenance schedule

- What about turf field?
- What about security plan?

Martin will not serve on SAFC next year

Discussion of SAU budget

Joel request that SAFC subcommittee reports be posted on SAU39 web site
SAFC requests internal sharing document site

John Stover moves to adjourn. Joel seconds. All in favor.
Adjourn 7:33PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Vincent, SAFC Secretary