

Sunderland School Committee Meeting
Sunderland Elementary School
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Douglas Fulton, Keith McFarland, Maisie Shaw, Michelle Tomlinson and Gregory Gottschalk; Principal Ben Barshefsky; Business Manager Patricia Cavanaugh and Superintendent Lynn Carey

Chair Doug Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Superintendent Carey opened the Public Hearing and introduced the budget highlights and Patti Cavanaugh, Business Manager, gave the details of the proposed FY18 budget with the committee and members of the public.

On a motion from Maisie Shaw, and a second from Keith McFarland, the Minutes of February 14, 2017 were approved 4-0-1.

Patti Cavanaugh, Business Manager, presented the Financial Statement. There were 6 warrants for a total of \$37,115.94. Page 5 of the Financial Report shows a shortfall in SPED Transportation of \$4,131.63 through February. The projected shortfall through year end is approximately \$9,800. Ms. Cavanaugh identified two line items to cover this shortfall: 1. Salaries – Retirements of \$5,869; and Expense-Insurance-Contract Adjustments at \$17,581.81.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Unfinished Business, there was further discussion of the proposed FY18 Budget. On a motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Maisie Shaw, the proposed FY18 budget was approved with a 6.55% increase. Approved 5-0-0.

There was no New Business.

Principal Barshefsky presented the Principals' Report. He spoke about Reading on Dr. Seuss Day. There was a presentation for grades 3-6 on solar energy. There will be transition to a full day Pre-K Program. A list of upcoming events was provided.

Keith McFarland asked about Sunderland's 300th year Anniversary Celebration in the fall of 2018. Planning should take place next school year.

There was no Superintendent's Report.

On a Motion from Greg Gottschalk, and a second from Keith McFarland, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Carey, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Minutes of February 14, 2017
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. Proposed FY18 Budget
4. Principal's Report
5. Employment List
6. Monthly Enrollment