

Meeting of the Candia Municipal Budget Committee
~~Unapproved~~ Approved Minutes
June 14, 2017

Town Office Building

Members Present:

Budget Committee Chair Allyn Chivers, Selectman's Rep. Susan Young, School Board Rep., Kim Royer, Paul Leblond, Jodi Hedstrom, Susan Gill, Katrina Niles, Todd Keating.

Chairman Chivers; opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

May 14th minutes accepted with changes.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jodi Hedstrom.

Seconded by Selectman Young.

Answers to the questions from May 14th meeting from Selectman Young/Donna Becker.

Answers were passed out to all members; any further questions feel free to contact Donna Becker.

Chairman Chivers; asked if anyone has any questions in regards to the answers. No one had questions.

Chairman Chivers; asked about questions that the board had at the last meeting that Stephanie Helmig was going to get answers for this board meeting.

School Board Rep substitute: explained that she did not have the answers but would pass it on at the next School Board meeting.

Chairman Chivers;

Town Report:

Chairman Chivers; any questions on the town report?

No questions.

Chairman Chivers:

School Reports

Selectman Young; asked, at the elementary level, did the numbers go from 316 in March to 310 as of June?

School Board Rep; answered yes that they were at 322 in October and now they were at 310.

Selectman Young; asked, if the high school also dropped from March to June?

School Board Rep; answered that she did not have the answer for that.

Selectman Young; asked 169 for March and April.

Chairman Chivers; answered yes 169 as of April.

Selectman Young; asked about enrollment questions from last meeting.

Chairman Chivers; asked if tuition was prorated, so that if a student stayed only half the year would the town be charged for the whole year.

School Board Rep; answered Yes it is prorated bi-quarterly.

Jodi Headstrom;asked about kindergarten enrollment.

School Board Rep; answered we wont know till the first day of school. As of right now there going to have two classrooms.

Paul Leblond; asked about 8th graders and if it was known where they were going.

School Board Rep; answered she estimated 8-12 are going to Central, and the majority are going to Pinkerton. And based on talking to Mrs. Leblond the numbers were low for Trinity also.

Paul Leblond; answered yes they are.

School Board Rep; answered they do have bussing for Central and Pinkerton.

Selectman Young; asked that in September that it will be our first full contract year with Pinkerton.

School Board Rep; answered yes.

Selectman Young; asked how come there still going to Central, is it because they still have siblings going there?

School Board Rep; answered no, that because the way it worked we gave the parents two years to allow for a choice so we have one more year. The current seventh graders going in will have a choice of Central or Pinkerton. After that they will all be going to Pinkerton. The ones that are at Central now will have the choice to finish out or go to Pinkerton.

Selectman Young; asked if we are committed to bussing for six more years?

School Board Rep; answered we are committed to Central and Pinkerton for this year and then we'll look at the numbers. The state does not require towns to provide transportation at the high school level. Parents would be on their own at that point. I would hope the board wouldn't do that but it is an option. Typically juniors and seniors do not take the bus; they're usually driving at that point. When it is time for the school budget we will look at transportation, we don't want an extra bus if we do not need it.

Selectman Young; asked about smaller buses, I know what they are generally used for and there is some stigmatism with that, she wondered if it was an option.

School Board Rep; answered that those buses only hold 8 students.

Selectman Young; asked about MST in Manchester and whether we provided transportation to that school

School Board Rep; answered that her understanding was the kids go from Central, there is a bus that takes several students over there.

Selectman Young; asked if the students always have the option to go to MST?

School Board Rep; answered no, Pinkerton has its own technical department, and no more students will be going to Central after next year.

Chairman Chivers; asked if there was a provision in our Pinkerton Contract that 10% of our students could go where they want.

School Board Rep; answered it was 5%, a parent would have to petition the school board and would have to be because of bullying or legal problems and would have to go to the superintendent to be approved.

Chairman Chivers; asked if there was any more questions about enrollment or about school expenditure report.

Todd Keating; had a discussion with School Board Rep with questions regarding the expenditure report.

Selectman Young; questioned debts and credits on the report.

School Board Rep; will request the report at next school board meeting to better explain the setup of the report and get back the MBC at next meeting.

Selectman Young; asked that the school board try to get the budget reports in on Friday, the current ones were not received until Monday. Asked if when Karen emails you the budget is there a way to email it to the rest of the board?

Chairman Chivers; answered they had this discussion before. She realized late Friday she had not received it. She emailed Karen from the school board and she emailed it first thing Monday morning.

Chairman Chivers; asked if there were any more questions regarding the expenditure report.

Chairman Chivers; asked if the school board had discussed encumbrances?

School Board Rep; answered they had not discussed anything at the last school board meeting with regards to budget.

Chairman Chivers; explained that they do not meet again till the end of August? So you won't be able to encumber money?

School Board Rep; explained that it had already been done.

Chairman Chivers; explained that she will be expecting it in August, because in the past it has not been given in a timely fashion.

Paul Leblond; asked if there would be any legal ramifications from the transgender policy decision from last week.

School Board Rep; explained there would be, the policy was a safeguard so if there was a substitute, a volunteer, or a teacher to discriminate against a transgender child those parents could turn around and sue the school. The policy represented a safe guard so that you could reprimand that individual and say that they didn't follow policy.

Selectman Young; asked if there are stalls in the male bathroom by the gymnasium?

School Board Rep; replied I have been in both male and female bathrooms and there are separate stalls in both.

Selectman Young; asked are there Urinals in the mens' bathroom?

Todd Keating; explain there were, and explained there were also some in the bathroom located by the office; it has two stall and one urinal.

Selectman Young; asked what's at the CYAA building.

Todd Keating; answered CYAA building has stalls and a urinal.

School Board Rep; explained it may be something that comes up for the budget which everyone has their own opinion about that. If it gets put in the budget it will

be because the school board requested it, not because the administration or teachers feel it's needed.

Selectman Young; asked what they would do at the CYAA building, we will have the same challenges there.

School Board Rep; answered, you wouldn't know. Children are still going to use the same bathroom they identify with as they have been doing it for years; you just have to be aware at least one or more board members wanted to look into putting it (new bathrooms) into the budget which would put a huge dent in the budget.

Chairman Chivers; asked any other questions? How about a motion to cancel July's meeting?

Paul Leblond; made a motion to cancel Julys meeting.

Selectman Young; seconded it.

All in favor

School Board Rep; asked when the August meeting was?

Chairman Chivers; answered August 9th

School Board Rep; answered just so you know we do not meet till August 17th.

Chairman Chivers; replied, it does not reflect us. We now know that we can get the reports prior to them being approved and send us corrected versions.

Chairman Chivers; do I have a motion to adjourn?

Bob Stout; made motion to adjourn.

Susan Gill; seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 7:45