

SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SHARON, MA 02067

School Committee
Budget Subcommittee
Minutes – March 3, 2007
School Administration Building
One School Street
Sharon, MA 02067

Present: Dr. Barbara Dunham, Timothy Farmer, Susan Owen, Linda Callan, Laura Salomons and a member from the community

The meeting was convened at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 29, 2010 budget subcommittee were distributed. There were no corrections or revisions to the submitted minutes.

MOTION: (Salomons/Callan) Moved to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2010 budget subcommittee meeting. Yes vote: L. Callan, B. Dunham, T. Farmer, S. Owen, L. Salomons

L. Salomons briefly mentioned that there will be changes to the Open Meeting Law, which will take effect July 1, 2010.

L. Callan stated that the focus of this meeting would be on activity and athletic fees. S. Owen distributed a spreadsheet, which listed all sports and student activities, the amount per activity that is carried in the operating budget for advisor or coach payment, total number of hours involved in the student activity and the approximately hourly cost for the advisor/activity.

There was a discussion on revolving funds and whether advisors/coaches, who are not employees of the Sharon Public Schools, could be paid from revolving funds and/or grants. Dr. Dunham presented a brief overview on how revolving funds work and the state legal requirements for maintaining and expending payments such as health insurance and benefits from revolving funds. S. Owen will clarify with the Town Treasurer regarding revolving fund requirements.

Dr. Dunham asked S. Owen to prepare a simplified spreadsheet for collective bargaining meetings with the STA, which would include the name of the advisor, activity or sport, school, payment, total number of hours worked, and hourly cost.

There was a lengthy discussion on:

- establish and streamline the protocol for creating a club or activity and a protocol for charging fees for club activities, which should include: number of participants, minimum number of hours for meetings, descriptive outline of the proposed club activities, and how the club would be funded prior to convening a first meeting of the club activity
- establishing a minimum number of student participation before a club could be sanctioned by administration

- revising the payment formula for advisors/coaches, which must be negotiated with the STA
- identifying seasonal specific activities
- identifying activities that occur during the school day vs. after school activities
- creating a form for non-paying clubs/activities
- clubs and activities that are integral to the school day and takes place during the school day
- activities and sporting events that generate money through ticket sales. Question: Are the current procedures right and if not, what should be changed?
- each activity/sport must be closely examined individually and then determine how many students are involved
- the possibility of establishing a “bottom line” figure in the operating budget for all student activities/clubs district-wide
- sports district-wide and which ones run in a deficit and the fee structure for each sport
- what portion of the coaches salaries would be funded from the operating budget. Sharon Public Schools is currently 50/50 – 50% of the costs come from revolving fund and 50% is from the operating budget.
- drama department payments for advisors – i.e. 50% of the gate receipts must be used for stipend payments to drama advisors
- the cost for rights to plays and musicals – approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000 depending on the play/musical
- subcommittee members will work to develop criteria for what activity/club should be paid or not (such as whether the activity fulfilled a School Committee goal or not) and that recommendation will be reviewed at a School Committee meeting.

The next meeting will be determined and posted.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Helen Campanario, Recording Secretary to the School Committee