

**SKAGWAY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, January 13, 2011**

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Ellis called this special meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the school library.

2) **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Chris Ellis, President	- Present
Darren Belisle, Member	- Present
Stuart Brown, Clerk	- Present
Joanne Korsmo, Member	- Present
Chris Maggio, Treasurer	- Present
Dr. Thielbar, Superintendent	- Present

A quorum was established with five board members present.

3) **FY2011-2012 Budget:**

Dr. Thielbar explained the Skagway School District funding formula for FY2012.

- Assumption of 75% hold harmless for change in school size
- ADM at 60 (subtracted eleven seniors and six foreign exchange students and then added five preschool)
- Intensive needs student graduates
- \$5,680.00 Basic need allocation per student
- \$1,172,182 District Basic Need = School Size Factor * District Cost Factor * Special Needs Factor + Intensive Basic Need Allocation
- \$580,892 State Contribution = District Basic Need - Required Local Contribution
- \$591,290 Local Required Contribution = 45% of District Basic Need for FY 11
- \$1,251,780 Max. Local Contribution = Required + 2 mil of property tax
- Anticipates cap funding from the Municipality
- Remaining pages relate to FY2011
- Will need to find cuts for next year (options: cut the special ed aide, consider a \$10,000 early buy out for a staff member close to retirement, reduce one teacher in elementary or junior high)

Discussion followed:

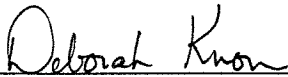
- Korsmo asked about moving stuff back out of budget like technology and a grant regarding heating.
- Dr. Thielbar replied there are four bids as of today to revamp the heating system.
- Belisle brought up that tech was moved back into budget and we need to consider the City's expectation.
- Korsmo mentioned last year's proposal form from the teachers regarding budget cuts and asked if there was a way to tweak the lunch program a little more.
- Ellis stated that the cost of activities is going down due to the decrease in student numbers and then asked about hold harmless.
- Dr. Theilbar explained that with a decrease of 5% or more of ADM, the hold harmless goes into effect. There will be a short fall of \$132,083 from this year's budget to next year's. This could be covered by pulling out full time teacher and the special ed aide.
- Ellis inquired about the HRA.
- Cindy O'Daniel answered that only \$1800 has been spent so far.
- Brown proposed looking at board goals and matching them to the budget.
- Knorr went and got the 2011-2012 board goals from the office and distributed them to the board and audience.
- Ellis talked about integrating tech, art, and music into the classroom. She also proposed having a community ed director to organize volunteers and bring them into the school.

4) **FY2011-2012 Budget Continued:**

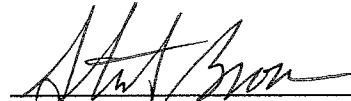
- Brown proposed planning for the long term.
- Tim Cochran suggested contact Bill & Linda Gates in regards to funding for the technology program.
- Brown brought up looking into extra funding ideas and grants.
- Dr. Thielbar added that Mike Robbins with SERRC is Skagway's grant writer for nine grants. This is the initial budget meeting. He wants to meet with the staff and share budget info. Dr. Thielbar recommended just not band-aiding the budget but determine how to do it otherwise. Essential teaching positions will need to be in the budget.
- Ellis stated that Skagway needs to always cover the three R's reading, writing and arithmetic. She also referred to integrating art, tech and music and having a community engagement committee.
- Maggio mentioned the scheduling issue. Can Skagway offer classes that are not credited? He then spoke about Art Fest in Petersburg this year and mentioned John Harris, four students interested, an Arts Council scholarship, housing them at Taku Canneries, and Margeaux Heaton as chaperone.
- Brown suggested looking at a long range plan to develop and bring this into the school.
- Dr. Thielbar stated that he'd bring scenarios back to the board at the next meeting.
- Ellis mentioned dual credit courses (college/high school) and asked about costs.
- Korsmo talked about finances. She mentioned utilizing lobbyist John Walsh. The District would need to provide specific direction for him such as moving the count period to September.

5) **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Negotiations** Ellis stated that the executive session for negotiations is being postponed since they haven't met with the teachers yet.

6) **ADJOURNMENT: Belisle moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Maggio seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**



Deborah Knorr
Administrative Assistant



Stuart Brown
Board Clerk