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**2020 BudCom Study Committee
Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2020**

Meeting attendees via Zoom: Drew Kellner, Eric Pauer, Matthew Mailloux, Karen Jew, Gaylord Sledge

Eric opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Eric stated that we were meeting electronically under the Executive Order 2020-04, and the Emergency Meeting Orders #12 and #23 which allow for remote meetings. Eric asked each Board member to verify per the order where they are, why they are there, and if anyone is present with them. All members responded.

Review and approve minutes

Drew made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Matt seconded. Roll call vote 5-0 to approve.

Review actions assigned at last meeting

Karen – reached out to the SAU to see who they considered as the school district peers. They provided the peers based on performance data. There were not many K-6 comparisons in a single town. Karen received the MS26 forms from Brookline from 2015 forward, she will forward the forms to the committee members. There are different criteria for schools that look at staff contracts and professional contracts.

Eric – discussed different school districts that he researched to compare to Brookline.

Drew – was surprised the school district uses different peers for performance versus contracts. He questioned which set we should use for this exercise. Matt likes the idea of taking the peer towns and including their school districts.

Matt – which version of peer schools is best for our comparisons? Matt agreed with Drew to include peer schools from peer towns that have a similar school district.

Eric – some of the peer schools may not make sense if they include the higher grades because the cost per pupil goes down in the higher grades.

Drew – inclined to use the peer town list and add on the corresponding school districts and the school districts provided by SAU.

Matt – is it worth considering how the BudCom has performed in a town and a school district separately? Would we do two separate analyses? Does Karen have any idea what the other peer school list is?

Eric – only 2 of the peer schools under consideration have a budget committee. If we have schools with K-8 or lower it would be reasonable to keep them. Keeping in mind that the data may be skewed with the middle schoolers.

Eric – is somewhat concerned with the lack of comparable K-6.

Karen – how much do we use school performance?

Eric – performance is a good data set to consider.

Drew – we should capture some level of scoring data, track whatever metric that is being used to rank.

Eric – we will have to pull the forms MS26, and MS27 for the schools, and the MS636 and MS737 for the towns. How responsive is the DRA in turning around the data.

Karen – it took about a week for the information.

Other business

Eric – we should make sure we cover any of the questions that came up from the town meeting budget committee discussion.

Actions for next meeting

Karen – will pull the MS26 and MS27 for each of the school districts from the peer towns and the additional SAU peer schools.

Matt – will pull the MS636 and MS737 for each of the peer towns.

Drew – will find out if the town meeting with the discussion of the budget committee is available for the committee to review. Finalize the spreadsheet of peer towns and schools.

Confirm next meeting date

The next meeting will be June 25, 2020 at 4:30pm.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18pm.