

**SAU 56 BOARD MEETING**  
Special Budget Meeting

**November 28, 2007**

**SAU 56 Conference Room**

**5:45 PM**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Karen Soule

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Jerry Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:45pm. Upon roll call vote the following members were present: Perkins, Knowles, Cowan, MacLeod, Houde (arrived after roll call), Bolduc, Cleary, Logsdon Absent: Richardson, Gibson, Fjeld
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** None
3. **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL:**

**3.1 To see what action the Board will take with regards to the proposed 2008-2009 budget:**

Jerry Perkins reviewed the adjustment to the budget and the receptionist's hours to 35 hours. Karen Soule shared that in an email sent by the Dept. of Labor (need the quote from the email to paraphrase)

**A motion by Denise Knowles and seconded by Pete Houde to accept the 2008-2009 budget as proposed.**

Chairperson Jerry Perkins asked if there was any discussion:

Ken Bolduc stated that he would not support the budget as presented because of the cuts to one person, eliminating the full time status. Her said that person should be treated like the rest of the employees.

MHC MacLeod stated that she would not vote in favor of the budget purely on principle based on discrimination with regards to benefits.

Denise Knowles state that the position was part-time previously at the recommendation of the SAU Office and that the current full-time position was temporary and that did not mean that it would automatically be fulltime. She said that she stood by the part-time.

Peter Houde stated that he did not see anything wrong and that we do have budget problem and that it should have been looked at before time. He also stated that the benefit and wage scale should be adjusted after review.

Denise Knowles stated that the IT position was a timing issue. Tim Logsdon asked if the Board could think about the benefit package for the IT integrator and Denise Knowles stated that based on the job description this position was a position that they person needed to have a degree.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 yes (Cowan, Perkins, Houde, Logsdon, Knowles, Cleary) 1 no (MacLeod) 1 abstain (Bolduc)

**Motion passed.**

Board Comments:

Denise Knowles stated that she would like to see preliminary discussions in March for the next year and for benefits.

Jim Cowan stated that he wanted to work with staff in this discussion.

**4 . Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:**

- 12/12/2007 7:00PM, SAU 56 Board Budget Hearing & Vote, Career & Technical Center (snow date Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>)
- SAU 56 Board meeting March 24, 2007, 7:00PM SAU 56 Conference Room

- MHC Community Letter

**5. Closing Comments:**

**16.1 Visitors:** None

**16.2 Board members:** none

**17. Non-public session– none**

**Adjournment:**

A motion by Cowan and seconded by Houde to adjourn. **VOTE:** motion passed, unanimously.  
Adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Sandy Brooker  
Recording Secretary

Pending Board approval