

School Board Budget Meeting

December 5, 2017

Present: Jeanna Woodbury, Holly Kennedy, Jim O'Malley, Sean Leary, Wayne Woolridge, Tom O'Connor, Deb Child-Trabucco, Ann Freitag, Joe Boggio (Note-taker)

Excused: Tina McCosker

Called to order at 6:00 PM by Holly Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy asked to add to the agenda a discussion about providing board emails for a grant that Mrs. Holmquist is submitting. A motion was made by Jim O'Malley and seconded by Sean Leary to create an email account hsb@hnhsd.org with emails embedded into that. Mrs. Trabucco will have it created. Mrs. Trabucco cautioned the board that once they reply to an email their email will be known.

Mrs. Kennedy led with a discussion of the Budget Committee request for earlier distribution of budget material. Budget committee would like to have school board follow other town department practices. The budget would be submitted to the school board and the budget committee at the same time. The pros and cons were discussed. The board chose to continue its past practice and review the budget prior to giving it to the budget committee. Mrs. Kennedy noted that the committee does have the budget material in hand now due to a communication glitch.

Discussion of the date for the first joint meeting between budget committee and school board. Last year met on January 6th. Mrs. Kennedy will email Mr. Zavorotny with some prospective dates in early January 2018. Stay away from January 9th due to BIC meeting.

Mr. O'Connor reviewed the process of the bond for the building loan.

The board reviewed the budget noting the following items:

1. Increase in purchased services. The board received a memo from Mrs. Craig outlining the need to retain quality staff and how this service helps to achieve that goal.
2. Purchase of four more standing desks. Mrs. Freitag will research the background on this request and report to Mr. O'Connor.
3. HASP Late bus use and overall benefit to the grant.
4. HASP budget in general there is a slight increase in the Director's salary.
5. Keene State College student teachers have no cost to the district and we are under no financial obligation to the college.
6. Tax rate discussion on how Hinsdale compares to neighboring towns.

Mr. Woolridge reminded board members that Jay Kahn and other elected officials will be visiting the SAU on December 15th from 9 to 10.

Motion to adjourn by Jeanna Woodbury, Seconded by Sean Leary

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 PM by Holly Kennedy

Minutes taken by J. Boggio