

Budget Committee Meeting # 698
Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale Budget Committee
Joint Meeting
Hinsdale School District SAU Conference Room
January 16, 2019
6:30 PM

School Board Members Present: James O'Malley, Holly Kennedy, Sean Leary, Jeana Woodbury, and Kaylah Hemlow

Budget Committee Member Present: Peter Zavorotny, Lisa Prince, Lindsey Blake, Joe Conroy, Megan Kondrat, James MacDonell, Edwin Smith, Bill Nebelski, Selectmen's Representative- Steve Diorio, School Board Representative- Sean Leary

Excused: Karen Johnson – Budget Committee

School Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology; Tom O'Connor, Business Administrator; Joe Boggio, Principal

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

P. Zavorotny called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

P. Zavorotny asked H. Kennedy to review a line of communication that they as chair of the committees have agreed on:

- Budget Committee members' questions are directed to the Budget Committee Chair
- Budget Committee Chair sends questions to the School Board Chair
- School Board Chair sends questions to the Superintendent and Business Administrator
- Superintendent/Business Administrator sends responses to the School Board Chair and Budget Committee Chair
- School Board Chair and Budget Committee Chair forwards the response to their boards

As a reminder to both committees' do not reply all to any correspondence.

This was agreed upon by both Boards, in case of any correspondence happening while P. Zavorotny was out of town, J. MacDonnell will be notified.

H. Kennedy reviewed with the committee the letter regarding school funding that both the Selectmen and School Board has approved to be signed. The Budget Committee agreed to sign the letter also. H. Kennedy will have it to them for their meeting on Monday.

H. Kennedy invited the Budget Committee to the School District Budget Forum on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Hinsdale Middle High School Library. Discussion will center around, the school budget, revenues, unfunded mandates, stabilization funding, teachers' contract, facilities, and action plan.

T. OConnor presented the board with budget information, including an overview, draft MS-27, draft budget, warrant, and estimated 2019 tax year impact.

The operating budget is \$12,652,857, the foodservice and other grants is an additional \$760,000.00 for a total operating budget of \$13,412,857. The Board proposes offsetting the overall budget increase of \$69,212.00 and the \$117,396 for the teachers' agreement by a transfer of \$150,000 from the SPED Expendable Trust and \$20,000.00 from the Building Expendable Trust, with this the impact on taxes would be flat.

T. OConnor reviewed the draft Warrant Articles, questions were asked and answered. Revenue estimates, stabilization, and legislative action was discussed.

L. Prince asked a question about student to teacher ratio, W. Woolridge explained that this does not indicate class size, due to the needs of special education children, many of whom are back in district as opposed to an out of district placement. Hinsdale also offers a comprehensive high school, there are 46 course that need to be offered, many of our students chose a career path and that is where the Extended Learning Opportunities program comes in. W. Woolridge reviewed that the average class size of the Hinsdale Elementary School is 17.77, Hinsdale Middle School 13.26 and Hinsdale High School is 14.42. W. Woolridge and A. Freitag gave examples of high schools about the same size as Hinsdale that should be used as comparison, such as Pittsfield, Sunapee and Moultonborough.

After further discussion the following motions were made:

School Board Motion:

J. Woodbury moved to approve Article One the operating budget of \$13, 412,857. S. Leary seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Budget Committee Motion:

J. MacDonell moved to approve Article One the operating budget of \$13, 412,857. L. Blake seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

Article two was reviewed; this was the increase in negotiated salaries for the teacher's union.

B. Nebelski asked what the increases were for teachers, T. OConnor the rates are 2.67%, 3.15% and 3.16%. Teachers will be paying more for their insurance due to grandfathering clauses being removed with a ratified contract. T. OConnor stated that teachers and administrative staff pay 20% or 19% based on the plan that they have.

After further discussion the following motions were made:

School Board Motion:

J. O'Malley moved to approve Article Two – to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement of \$117,396. K Hemlow seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1

Budget Committee Motion:

L. Blake moved to approve Article Two – to approve the cost of items the collective bargaining agreement of \$117,396. L. Prince seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0

J. MacDonnell thanked the Board and Administration on their hard work.

P. Zavorotny reminded the Budget Committee of their meeting with the Selectmen. 6:00 Monday, January 21 at the Town Hall.

School Board Motion:

J. Woodbury moved to adjourn at 7:02 pm S. Leary seconded, motion passed-5-0-0

Budget Committee Motion:

B. Nebelski moved to adjourn at 7:02 pm J. MacDonell seconded, motion passed 10-0-0

I attest that this is a true copy of the minutes:

_____ approved on _____
Ann Marie Diorio