



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of December 10, 2013

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Tom Gehan at 7:06 PM.

Members present: Tom Gehan, Mike Harris, Chris Hyde, Peter Band, Tom Jambard, Susan Benz, Rosemary Mezzocchi

Others present: Eric Horton – SAU Business Administrator, Debbie Pucci – Hollis School Board, Betsy Cox-Buteau, Candy Fowler- HUES Principal, Liz Allen – Hollis Primary School Principal

Tom G. asked for a moment of silence in memory of HBHS student Cam Ricard, who was killed in a car accident yesterday.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

School Report:

Eric H. stated that current year revenues and expenditures are in line with expectations. He went on to discuss the SAU budget subcommittee conclusions. The anticipated SAU budget for next year should be the same as this year. Discussion ensued regarding budgeting for a new Superintendent. Chris H. asked whether sufficient funds were budgeted for ongoing maintenance issues with the SAU building. It was Eric's opinion that the \$8K which has been budgeted annually is appropriate for current needs.

1st review of Hollis School District FY15 budget

Eric H. stated that the proposed budget is \$82K over guidance. This includes \$51K for a possible extended-day kindergarten. Chris H. mentioned that costs associated with structural program changes should appear in separate warrant articles to ensure public awareness. So the \$51K should not be included in the operating budget.

Eric H. mentioned that the current budget proposal reflects current staffing levels, whereas budget guidance was based on a reduction of one FTE at \$60K. Discussion centered around justification for the additional class section. Tom G. suggested scheduling a non-public session for the 2nd budget review in January.

Peter B. made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3-Ilc (privacy). There was no second, so the motion failed. Tom G. then scheduled a non-public session for the meeting on Monday 1/13/14.

Eric H. stated that FY15 is the last year for debt service on the bonds. Also, the projected NH state aid is up from last year by approximately \$104K. Eric H. is looking into what caused that number to increase.

Eric H. discussed the current Capital Improvement Plan. Items included windows, roofing, ventilation, etc.

Warrant Articles

Eric H. reviewed the current list of warrant articles.

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Debbie P. mentioned that the school board still has significant concern regarding current health plan offerings, which will be considered "Cadillac" plans starting in 2018 under the new ACA. She would like to have some guidance on how the district can avoid future penalties associated with those plans. It was agreed to pursue this discussion after the close of budget season.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike H. Peter B. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kowalski, Tax Collector