



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

· Bob Guessferd, Chairman

Ted Trost, Vice-Chairman



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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes November 6, 2019 Final

A. Call to Order

- Chairman Guessferd called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Buxton Community Development Meeting Room.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by Shawn Murray

C. Attendance

Members Present:

- Bob Guessferd, Jim Weaver, Ted Trost, Shawn Murray, Hassan Goode, Board of School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe and Selectmen Representative Norm Martin (quorum was present)

Members Not Present:

- Alejandro Urrutia, Michael Fedele, Rich Weissgarber, and Joe Fernald (Excused)

Staff/Others:

- SAU 81 Superintendent Larry Russell, Alvirne Principal Steve Beals and School Board Chairman Malcom Price.

D. Public Input

- None

E. Reports of Committees

- Board of Selectmen: The town tax rate has been set for the upcoming tax year. The old tax rate was \$20.10 and the new tax rate will be \$20.17.
- School Board: Report was deferred to the SAU presentation later in the meeting.
- Capital Improvement Committee: The CIP has been completed and adopted by the Planning Board on September 18th 2019. The CIP has been passed along to the Budget Committee, Board of Selectman and School Board. Mr. Weaver suggested having the Town Planner Brian Groth present the plan to the Budget Committee.

F. Acceptance of Minutes

- September 4th meeting minutes deferred to next meeting.
- November 6th meeting minutes approved 6-0-1 (Mr. Trost abstained)

G. Old Business



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- Bylaw Status: Email Communications and Voting on Warrant Articles
 - Motion made by Mr. Trost seconded by Mr. Martin to split the two changes is to two separate votes (Email Communications and Voting on Warrant Articles) Motion Failed 3-4 (Mr. Trost, Mr. Murray and Mr. Martin for).
 - Motion to approve the wording as approved by the Budget Committee and Town Attorney made by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Goode. Motions was removed my Mr. Martin following discussion.
 - Mr. Murray and Mr. Trost both stated that they will more than likely be abstaining from any votes on warrant articles at the time that they are being presented as they do not agree that voting at the time the warrant articles.
 - Motion made by Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Goode to reconsider to split the two changes is to two separate votes (Email Communications and Voting on Warrant Articles). Motion Passed Unanimous.
 - Motion to accept article X Email Communication: made by Mr. Martin second by Mrs. LaMothe. Motion Passed unanimously.
 - Motion to approve VII G Voting on Warrant Articles: made by Mrs. LaMothe seconded my Mr. Weaver. Motion passes 4-3 (Mr. Weaver, Mr. Martin, Mrs. LaMothe and Mr. Guessferd for)

H. New Business

- Superintendent Russell and Principal Beals presented the proposed renovation to Alvirne High School 2020.
 - Project Reduction from previous Warrant Articles: Gymnasium removed, Auditorium seat count reduced and parking lot removed. A 30% reduction in the project overall.
 - Features: Safer parking lot with separate parent drop off/pick up and bus drop off/pick up, renovated kitchen and dedicated cafeteria space that is not a major travel way, relocated main office to keep visitors separated until checked in, additional security by way of doors separating the public from the students, new auditorium that will be attached to the music room to allow for the ability to have a performance space with the ability to separate the auditorium/gymnasium from the rest of the school during sporting events or performances, the ability to have athletic events and performances simultaneously, new mechanical systems for the gymnasium, the boys locker room would be moved to the same level as the gym (currently on 1st floor with the gym on the second floor), Secure primary and main entrance, site plan improvements.
 - Community input was taken into consideration through two public



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information session that influenced the direction of the SAU.

I. Other Business

- Next Meeting November 14th 2019 at 7pm in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room.
- Mr. Trost made a motion second by Mr. Murray to request the enrollment numbers by grade for the last 5 years. Passed unanimously
- Mr. Trost made a motion second by Mr. Murray for and full time equivalent calculation for the last 5 years and current proposed budget year for the school system. Passed unanimously.
- Mr. Murray made a motion second by Mr. Trost for and full time equivalent calculation for the last 5 years and current proposed budget year for the Town of Hudson as well as monthly actuals from both the Town and the School. Mr. Murray also requested the 2010 census numbers. Passed unanimously.

J. Adjournment

- Motion made by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: Jim Weaver, Clerk