

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 06, 2017

A. Call to Order

Chairman Ted Trost called the meeting to order in the Buxton Meeting Room at 7:00 PM and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Dave Morin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Ted Trost, Bob Guessferd, Grace Hopkins, Norm Martin, Shawn Murray, Joe Fernald, Jim Barnes, Andy Levin, Lori Robicheau-Pagan, School Board Representative Malcom Price, and Board of Selectmen Alternate Representative Dave Morin

Members Absent: None

D. Public Input

None

E.Acceptance of Minutes

- November 16, 2017 (Guessferd/Martin), passed 10-0-1 (M. Price abstain)
- November 21, 2017 (Robicheau-Pagan/Martin), passed 9-0-2 (M. Price and S. Murray abstain

F.Old Business

None

G. New Business

Review of School Department budget – Business Administrator K. Brunell and Superintendent L. Russell

- **1.** Introduction
- 2. Revenue
- 3. Default
- **4.** School Administrative Unit (SAU)

Motion by S. Murray (N. Martin second) - Provide the Budget Committee the exact amount of FY 2018 salary and benefit expenditure, and number of employees (unanimous)

Mr. Guessferd requested a budget transfer report for FY 2018

Motion by S. Murray (A. Levin second) – Decrease the 10001100 211 HEALTH INSURANCE account by \$50000 (original request \$101237) (motion fails 5-5-1, L. Robicheau-Pagan abstained)

Motion by S. Murray (J. Barnes second) – Provide the Budget Committee the exact dollar amount of memberships, organizations, and subscriptions for the entire district (motion passes 10-1)

5. Technology

Board went into recess at 8:22 PM Board returned from recess at 8:30 PM

6. Facilities

Chairman Trost temporarily turns chair to V. Chairman Martin

Motion by T. Trost (second by B. Guessferd) – reduce the following accounts:

- 10912620411 Hills Library Water by \$2900 to \$0
- 10912620412 Hills Library Sewer by \$1000 to \$0
- 10912620622 Hills Library Electric by \$1100 to \$0
- 10912620624 Hills Library Oil by \$2900 to \$0

Total reduction of \$7900 (motion passes 10-1)

Motion by T. Trost (A. Levin second) – reduce the 10132620622 Webster Library Electrical by \$6900 (original request \$24000), motion amended by Mr. Trost to \$7900 (motion passes 7-4)

Mr. Trost resumes the chair

7. Special Education (Special Services)

H. Other Business

Chairman Trost -

- Requests if a Budget Committee member will be absent for a meeting, to please notify the Chair (can use Budget Committee distribution list)
- Reminder to board we can change (via motion) budget line items at almost any time
- Updated warrant articles , discuss at next meeting
- Discuss value of straw votes at next meeting

B. Guessferd – Complimented Ms. Borge on thoroughness and care put into planning and explaining the Special Services budget line items, including those items with small dollar amounts

I. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting of December 06, 2017. (Guessferd/Price). Motion Carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Prepared by: Joe Fernald, Clerk