

Minutes: January 4, 2011  
Hudson Municipal Budget Committee

Meeting: Budget Committee: Town of Hudson / Hudson School District

Where: Town Hall – Community Development Room

Date: 01/04/11

Attendees:

Normand Martin (NM)  
Jonathan Maltz (JM)  
Susan Guarino (SG)  
Joyce Goodwin (JG)  
Thaddeus Luszey (TL)  
Steve Nute (SN)  
John Drabinowicz (JD)  
Charlotte Schweiss (CS)  
Laura Bisson (LB)  
Michael Buczynski (MB)

Roger Coutu (RC) arrived late (after BOS's meeting finished approx 8:00 pm).

1. Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. Chairman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Input none.
4. NM commented that at the last meeting the Library was not afforded an opportunity to present their information.

Connie Owens (C O) from the Library Board of Trustees introduced herself and the reason for her coming i.e. requesting reconsideration of items that were removed from the budget.

Arlene Creeden, Library Board of Trustees Treasurer, summarized information regarding the allocation of staffing hours/positions.

CO requested reconsideration of a wage increase for full time library employees.

CS made a point of order that the Library had been requested to provide information that the Budget Committee requested, not to request reconsideration of budget items.

NM discussed information requested and that they could make their request at the upcoming Public Hearing.

CO summarized the information that the Budget Committee had requested.

NM summarized the board's reason for requesting information re the Hills Memorial Library.

CO discussed the Library Board of Trustees ability to make determinations about the use of Library facilities.

Further discussion followed.

5. A motion was made by JG to remove from the table the operating budget for the Hudson School District in the amount of 45,110.649. The motion was seconded by CS. A unanimous vote in favor followed (10-0)
  - a. LB, School Committee Rep, addressed the Budget Committee. She turned the discussion over to Randy Bell, Superintendent of Schools. Superintendent Randy Bell summarized the handouts given, i.e. the proposed reductions in the budget. Refer to Exhibit A.
  - b. LB made a motion to reduce the school operating budget by 117,875 reflecting items listed in exhibit A. SN seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor followed (10-0).
  - c. LB made a motion to reduce the school operating budget by 333,615.00 as per items in Exhibit A. TL seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor followed (10-0).
  - d. LB made a motion to reduce the school operating budget by 101,548.00, line item, 110-2233-9016 and leave 1.00 in the line item to maintain the position. TL seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was withdrawn due to the incorrect amount being in the motion. LB made a motion to reduce the school operating budget, line item 1102233-9016, in the amount of 102,548.00, leaving 1.00 in the line item to maintain the position. TL seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor followed (10-0).
  - e. Superintendent Randy Bell reviewed summarized Exhibit B and the funding of the proposed fiber project. Discussion followed. No action needed.
  - f. JM made a motion to reduce line item 110-135-05110, page 27, in the amount of 56,433.00 (Alvirne High School teaching position). JD seconded the motion. Discussion followed. JM and JD withdrew their motion.
6. NM moved to recommend moving the School District Budget to Public Hearing in the amount of 44,890.226.00. The motion was made by CS and seconded by MB. The motion passed 10 to 1 (RC abstained).
7. Comments were made by LB and NM thanking members of the School Committee and Budget Committee for their work on this budget.
8. NM announced next week's meetings 01/12/11 the School District Budget Public Hearing and 01/13/11 the Town Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 PM (Board will meet before Public Hearing starts) at The Hudson Community Center.
9. JD motioned the meeting adjourn. CS seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (11 to 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.