

TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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DRAFT **Budget Committee** **Meeting Minutes** **17 November 2021**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Richard Weissgarber called the meeting to order in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Town Hall at 6:59pm, and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kathy Leary.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Richard Weissgarber, William Cole, Ted Trost, Normand Martin, Shawn Murray, Grace Hopkins, Kathy Leary, Selectmen Liaison Brett Gagnon, School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe

Members Excused: Robert Clegg, Alejandro Urrutia

D. Public Input

Chairman Weissgarber opened the floor for public input. No member of the public provided input.

E. Acceptance of Minutes

No Minutes were reviewed. No motion was made regarding Minutes.

F. Reports from Liaisons

Selectman Gagnon reported that the request made by the Budget Committee on 16 November 2022 has been forwarded to the Town Administrator.

School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe informed the Committee that the 2019 Strategic Plan is being updated, and shared the SAU's Mission Statement.

G. Budget Discussion

Representatives from SAU 81 were present and provided an overview of the budget as approved by the School Board. Focus was on the elementary schools and special education.

MOTION: Cancel the Budget Committee meeting of 22 November 2022 (Trost/Murray). CARRIED 7-2-0

MOTION: Withdraw the motion made by Mr. Murray on 16 November 2022 regarding reducing the school budget. (Murray/Martin). CARRIED 9-0-0

MOTION: Reduce the general budget for the schools by \$769,425. (Murray/Cole)

MOTION: Move the question to a vote. (Murray/Martin). CARRIED 6-9-0

The Main Motion to reduce the school budget FAILED 4-5-0.

Leary	NO
Martin	NO
Murray	YES
Cole	YES
Weisgarber	YES
Trost	YES
LaMothe	NO
Gagnon	NO
Hopkins	NO

H. Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting (Hopkins/Martin). CARRIED 9-0-0

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost