

# TOWN OF HUDSON



## Budget Committee

Ted Trost, Chairman

Normand Martin, Vice-Chairman



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### Meeting Minutes 07 December 2022 DRAFT

#### A. Call to Order

Chairman Ted Trost called the meeting to order in the Buxton Community Development Room at Town Hall 7:00 PM; declared a quorum present.

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Trost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### C. Attendance

Members Present: Chairman Ted Trost, Vice-Chairman Normand Martin, Robert Clegg, Alejandro Urrutio, Richard Weissgarber, Shawn Murray, William Cole, Kathy Leary, Select Board Liaison David Morin, Board of Education Liaison Gretchen Whiting. Patrick Quinlan (Excused)

#### D. Public Input

Chairman Trost opened the floor for Public Input at 7:01 PM. No one in attendance rose to speak. Public Input was closed at 7:01 PM.

#### E. Old Business

School Default Budget: Default budget process discussed. The School Board sets its default budget.

## **F. New Business**

### **School Budget Discussion**

**Special Education Budget:** The SAU81 Special Education budget was reviewed by Rachel Borge, Director of Special Services, and discussed by the Budget Committee.

**MOTION:** To request information from the School Board on how it calculated the increased costs of returning to school from remote learning. (Murray, Martin). After discussion, Motion withdrawn (Murray).

**MOTION:** To request the approximate cost of returning the 16 positions currently funded by the ESSER grants that are proposed to be returned to the School Board's operating budget. (Murray/Martin).

**MOTION AMENDED:** To request the approximate cost of returning all 19 positions currently funded by ESSER grants to the School Board's operating budget. (Murray/Martin). Motion carried 10-0.

The Budget Committee continued to review the SAU81 proposed budget.

**Chairman Trost called for a recess at 8:41 PM.**

**The meeting resumed at 8:47 PM.**

**Elementary Education Budget:** The elementary education budget was reviewed by Principal Scott Baker. Principal Mary Ellen LaBrie discussed the Dr. H.O. Smith playground.

## **G. Reports From Liaisons**

**Select Board:** Public Works negotiations ongoing.

**School Board:** Alvirne represented at national CTE conference. Alvirne CTE Ambassadors discussed. The School Board Liaison will host a tour of all schools and the SAU office on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM for Budget Committee members.

## **H. Acceptance of Minutes:**

No minutes to accept.

## **I. Other Business/Comments**

Town wrap-up moved to January 4, 2023.

Member Richard Weissgarber noted that today was Pearl Harbor Day. No other members offered a comment

## **J. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (Martin/Weissgarber). Motion carried 10-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Prepared by Kathleen Leary