

PUBLIC HEARING-To be Read with Operating Budget
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Good evening, Mr. Chairman.

A \$62M plush, lavish and highly overstated operating budget with over 1000 line items; rising in a time of declining enrollment... **This** is an insult to the citizens that are forced to pay the taxes to support this outrageous budget.

After hearing one of your committee members UNSUCCESSFULLY work with the school district business administrator to level fund this budget, I emailed a summary of my own findings and concerns. With it, I emailed a list of recommended reductions of over \$1M along with detailed analysis and explanations to your committee. Your committee discussed my email and posted it with your minutes and agenda for the 12/8/21 budget committee meeting for the public to view.

I thank you Mr. Chairman and those committee members that took the time to read and consider my efforts and those of you who made your own attempts at reducing this budget, including the one made at the most recent BC Meeting on 1/5/22. The reduction proposed on 1/5/22 could easily have passed as there are 3 votes that can be contested. Your own committee members have expressed concern with the validity of the two liaisons voting with your committee. The third NO vote I contest is that of a member that is an employee of the Hudson School District.

These same FIVE individuals voted to recommend this budget on to the taxpayers just as the school district forwarded it to you with a mere \$1500 reduction for an admitted carry forward error.

This carry forward error was not the only one. There were several others, called out by the school board, either on their own or upon my questioning.

I will close with a very small list of 4 line items that in my opinion can not at all be contested as to the lack of validity in this budget. Mr. Chairman, please explain why, with strong evidence to the lack of validity of these line items, the committee did not make sufficient attempt to remove **these**, at the very least, from this budget.

(Simply list with no explanation)

10351100110-220	SEPPAY-LL	\$16,234
10001100110	AA-ELEM	\$40,001

(Academic Assistance)

10002721519	B. TRANS-AA-E	\$10,000
10005221930	TRANS/FOOD SVC	\$200 TH

Mr. Chairman, what are your plans for reducing this operating budget before deliberative session?