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**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – August 28, 2013
356 Main Street - Farmington, NH**

Members Present: Sam Cataldo, Brian St.Onge, Ann Titus, Gerry McCarthy, Steve Henry, Jodi Connolly, Gail Ellis and Neil Johnson

Members Excused: Brian St.Onge

Selectman's Rep: Arthur Capello (excused)

School Board Rep: Kathy King, Superintendent Steve Welford and Finance Administrator Laurie Verville

At 7:03pm, Vice Chairman Gail Ellis opened the public hearing and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review of Minutes:

A. Neil Johnson motioned to table the minutes, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Public Comment:

The School Superintendent introduced the new SAU Finance Administrator Laurie Verville. Ann asked Laurie to reach out to Waste Management and other vendors the school uses to see if any money can be saved.

3. Review of School Questions and Answers:

A. Steve asked if there is a final number for the fund balance and Mr. Welford stated he still believes it will be between \$850,000 and \$1,000,000.

B. Gail asked for an explanation of the overages in the summer school lines and Mr. Welford explained that there is not really an overage but an accounting where the staff was paid out of one of the HWMS accounts and not the other as they started to merge the two HWMS sides. Mr. Welford further explained that going forward the HWMS 4-8 accounting lines will all be under "12". Plus the grant funding has not been applied to the summer school lines as well but will be soon.

C. Jodi asked how many teachers and paraprofessionals are in the district. Mr. Welford replied he has 119 teachers and 59 paraprofessionals.

D. Kathy showed the members a copy of the school lunch menu from the new outside vendor and noted the kids seem to be happy with the changes. Mr. Welford stated at this time the district is receiving the full \$2.80 reimbursement rate. The management costs to

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the vendor is \$38,000 a year and the vendor is confident they can increase the number of meals sold. The vendor "Café Express" also kept the staff in place, so no jobs were lost.

4. Review of Town Reports:

A. Jodi asked if something is being done with the tax maps because she noticed an expenditure and Neil explained he previously asked this question and was told it was for updates to the tax maps that are reimbursed by the applicants.

5. Review of Minutes:

A. Gerry stated he is still awaiting an answer on what the actual surplus is for the school for the last school year. Many of the members reminded Gerry that the school hasn't closed the books for the last school year but should have it for the next meeting.

B. Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of 6-26-13 as amended, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Kathy King abstaining.

At 8:05pm, Neil Johnson motioned to adjourn, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary