

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – January 7, 2016

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Hooksett Town Hall

35 Main Street

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Gosselin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Patrick Gosselin, Chair, Richard Boisvert , Jason Hyde, Chris Morneau, David Pearl, John Pieroni, Kevin Van Horn, Amy Boilard, School Board Rep., and Marc Miville, Council Rep.

Absent: Village Water Precinct and Central Water Precinct

Excused: Steven Peterson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 10, 2015 (tabled)

D. Pearl motioned to remove the minutes of December 10, 2015 from the table. Seconded by C. Morneau.

Vote unanimously in favor

D. Pearl motioned to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2015. Seconded by K. VanHorn

Vote unanimously in favor

Minutes of December 17, 2015

D. Pearl motioned to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015. Seconded by C. Morneau.

Vote unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Review of School Board Budget

A. Boilard: The Teacher contract expires at the end of the year. We began negotiations in December and the teachers ratified the contract this week. It is a one year contract with a

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consumer driven contract for insurance. The increase is \$193,855. It includes an increase in pay for teacher of \$2500. Any new teachers are paying an 80/20 ratio for health insurance. The new plan, for a family plan will be a \$9000 savings to the district as well as savings to the teachers. With a single plan there will be an \$1800 savings. The teachers will have a family deductible of \$4000. There is a flat \$2500 raise for everyone.

Teachers contribute 5% for a single plan, 10% for 2 person and family plan.

C. Morneau: I've been hearing from the kids that the athletics program was cut. That is not true. We left \$1 in the line so the school can make budget adjustments.

D. Pearl motioned to increase \$65,000 for the Alternative Suspension Program. Seconded by C. Morneau.

Vote 2:7 motion failed

M. Miville: I am in favor of funding the education of children. When I see every year and we ask about items and the Administration says it is contractual; I submitted a Right to Know request for the contractual obligations. This was submitted to the School Board and the SAU. You can see that there are many items that are not contractual and I would like to remove those items. We are here to fund the education of children and not the professional development of Administrators.

P. Gosselin: Who stated whether they were contractual or not?

M. Miville: These came from the Business Administrator.
\$134,401.46 of administrative perks.

M. Miville motioned to reduce the budgets as per attached for a total of \$134,401.46. Seconded by D. Pearl

D. Pearl: Whether you feel they are needed or not, the confusion of contractual or not has gone on for a long time. The Administration and Administrators have to be careful in identifying these obligations as contractual.

K. VanHorn: For conferences and workshops it is correct, they are not contractual. I disagree when it comes to course reimbursement.

C. Morneau: My contract reads similar to this because it requires approval for appropriate courses but it is still allowed.

J. Pieroni: Regarding this having an effect on the children, education has changed so much since I went to school, so you have to adapt. No one does the same job at the end of their career as

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when they started. It is also important to train district wide so everyone is performing in line and keeping our education up to date. To say it has nothing to do with educating children is absurd and I think this is a bad idea to reduce this.

D. Pearl: I think we need to first define if these are contractual or not. Why are we not doing webinars and avoiding the traveling?

M. Miville: Notice that the Superintendent makes the decision and signs off on all the Administration contracts. The School Board has no say and doesn't sign the contracts. So one person is making the decision on what the taxpayers pay for these contracts.

C. Morneau motioned to amend the motion to reduce \$84,671.46. Seconded by D. Pearl

C. Morneau: I have added back all the course reimbursements that I believe are contractual with a minimum grade and appropriate course.

D. Pearl: I think the Workshop in Atlanta is not contractual. The document says See attached, which means that you need to read the contract and make your own determination.

J. Pieroni: I think this is too drastic a cut. Are we saying that district wide courses have no value?

K. VanHorn: We did not state putting a dollar in those lines.

A. Boilard: Not all professional development days take time away from students. There are development days and before and after school courses. I also have heard a few times, bottom line budget, but if you cut so much, there is nothing left to move.

M. Miville withdrew his motion and C. Morneau withdrew his amendment.

J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5291-1-03-28 to \$1 (\$1049). Seconded by M. Miville. Vote 6:3 motion carried

J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5291-1-04-28 to \$1 (599). Seconded by C. Morneau. Vote 6:3 motion carried

J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5291-1-05-28 to \$1 (599). Seconded by D. Pearl. Vote 6:3 motion carried

J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5292-1-04-28 to \$1 (749). Seconded by D. Pearl. Vote 6:3 motion carried

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*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5292-2-05-28 to \$1 (2799). Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 6:3 motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5610-0-00-00 to \$1 (441). Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 6:3 motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 31-2210-5644-2-05-32 to \$1 (299). Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 6:3 motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 1100-5240-0-00-01 Course Reimbursement to \$3600 (3000).
Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 6:3 motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 1100-5241-0-00-88 Course Reimbursement to \$1 (999).
Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 6:3 motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 1100-5241-0-00-89 Course Reimbursement to \$13,050 (1500).
Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 7:2 motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 1100-5242-0-00-000 Course Reimbursement to \$500 (\$500).
Seconded by D. Pearl
Vote 7:2 motion carried*

**J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 1200-5240-000-61 to \$6850 (8000). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 7:2 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to call the question. Seconded by M. Miville.
Vote unanimously in favor to call the question.
Vote 4:5 Motion failed*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 1200-5243-000-61 to \$2675 (2000). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 7:2 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2220-5242-1-03-09 to \$1 (644). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:3 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2220-5242-1-04-09 to \$1 (799). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:3 Motion carried*

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*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2220-5242-2-05-09 to \$1 (1299). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:3 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2410-5240-1-03-07 to \$601 (5999). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:3 Motion carried*

Kevin Van Horn left the meeting at 8:50 pm.

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2410-5240-1-04-07 to \$4200 (9000). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:2 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2410-5240-2-05-07 to \$3600 (3000). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:2 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2410-5241-1-03-07 to \$580 (2500). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:2 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2410-5644-1-03-07 to \$1 (283). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:2 Motion carried*

*J. Hyde motioned to reduce line 2410-5644-1-04-07 to \$1 (144). Seconded by D. Pearl.
Vote 6:2 Motion carried*

\$38202 total reduction

*J. Pieroni motioned to add \$38,202 to the High School tuition line. P. Gosselin Seconded.
Vote 6:2 motion carried*

Resignation of Tabitha Jennings

Tabitha Jennings sent an email on January 7, 2016 stating she was resigning from the Budget Committee effective immediately.

*M. Miville motioned to accept the resignation of Tabitha Jenning with regret and commendation for years of service. Seconded by K. Van Horn.
Vote unanimously in favor.*

P. Gosselin: High School enrollment is listed as 288 students for Manchester. The bill from Manchester says 279 students in this period. That is a net difference of 9 students. I believe that just for Manchester we are using the 288 number to budget. At Pinkerton we have 205 students

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and Pinkerton is billing for 200 students. What we are possibly using to project next year's number is high.

A. Boilard: These are moving parts. There is no fixed number for high school students. Next year we have 178 Eighth graders and have 145 students coming out of the pipeline. Some of the seniors may not graduate. It is not a fixed number.

P. Gosselin motioned to add \$60,368 into line 1420 to refund the athletic programs. Seconded by J. Hyde.

Vote 4:4 motion failed

D. Pearl to add \$60,368 to the Athletic line and remove \$60,368 from the High School tuition line. Seconded by M. Miville.

Vote 6:2 motion carried

J. Pieroni request the School Board member get clarification on the high school numbers; the effect of the reduction in transportation on the bus routes and the specific role of the Media Integration specialists that were cut from the budget as well as any other impact the cuts will have on the schools.

J. Pieroni motioned to request from the School Board and Administration their analysis of what impact this will have on the education and transportation for the district (Clarification on HS numbers, bus reduction and Media Integration Specialist cut)

Vote 6:1 motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Request To Invite School Administration to Comment on Budget

P. Gosselin asked A. Boilard if the Administration would come to the Budget Committee meeting prior to the Public Hearing to address the specific reductions made by the Committee.

J. Pieroni motioned to invite the Administrators at the SAU and the School Administrators to come to the Budget Committee at 5:30 on January 14th to comment and respond to the reduction made by the Budget Committee. Seconded by D. Pearl.

Vote 7:1

School District Warrant Articles

School Warrant Articles to be reviewed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

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PUBLIC INPUT

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

D. Pearl motioned to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Seconded by J. Pieroni at 10 pm.

Vote unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan