

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
January 12th, 2011
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station
Conference Room

Approved: January 19, 2011

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Simon Carr, Laszlo Bardos, Earl Strout, Elizabeth Glenshaw, William Lewis, Tim Cook, & Robin Taylor. School Representative: Kate Semple-Barta. School board chairman: Mark Schiffman. Principal: Jeff Valance. Scribe: Dina Cutting.

Chair Judith Brotman could not be at this meeting. It was the sense of the Budget Committee to have Mr. Bardos chair this meeting.

The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mr. Bardos.

The minutes were deferred until the next meeting.

1. Mr. Bardos reported tonight's meeting was for 1 agenda item, discussion and advisory vote on the proposed school budget.
2. Mr. Schiffman noted a revised budget had been sent out. In hopes to allow the budget to be understood better, this budget does not have the ins and outs of the trust money.

The following topics were reviewed and discussed:

- High school student population numbers -
 - Last year's H.S. numbers
 - This year's projected numbers
- Each high school's tuition cost is an estimate. This figure can be changed prior to the school district meeting if necessary.
- The evergreen clause
- Step and track for teachers
- Teacher contracts
- Past % increase for teachers and staff
- Possible impact of the Loch Lyme Lodge project on school population numbers
- This proposed budget contains no wish list items.
- Of the total \$281,000.00 proposed school budget increase, \$211,000.00 is directly related to salary and instruction costs
- Putting the differential coordinator back in this budget
- The warrant articles and putting money into various trust funds
- Discussion of the budget committee's role
- Discussion of a proposed fund the school board would like to start to cover cost in the event a class has to be split.

It was the sense of the budget committee to take an advisory vote on the school budget at this time.

Before the advisory vote, Mr. Lewis noted he had no issues voting for the proposed operational budget of the school board, but he could not vote for it because of the excess money being put into the trust funds year after year.

3. Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve the proposed school budget at \$5,047,249.27. Seconded by Mr. Carr. Voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Lewis).
4. The warrant for the town lists how the individual budget committee members voted on all the articles. Can the school do this? Mr. Schiffman will check.

The next meeting is the Public Hearing on the Town and School Budget. Wednesday, January 19th, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Town Office/Police Conference room.

At 8:20PM Ms. Semple-Barta moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting