



Budget Committee

**Margaret Allen
Dickie Garnett
Michael Golden**

**Robert Hamilton
Victoria Kilroy
Larry Miller**

**David Peck
Richard Stanton
Michael Walzak**

Budget Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 4, 2013 Town Hall

Call to Order 7:00pm/Pledge of Allegiance

Second Review School FY15 Proposed Budget

Mr. Sweet and Mr. Boardman presented NHS FY15 proposed budget and responded to some previous questions regarding line items in the budget. This included explanation of the Intervention Teacher in the primary grades to work non-identified students.

Mr. Boardman also noted that monthly he tries to decrease the cost of SPED transportation.

Mr. Sweet said there was no justification to change the middle school or Unified Arts models but if enrollment continues to decline, the future years would address changes to those models.

Mr. Walzak read a statement regarding the proposed budget and STEPs in the teachers CBA. He underscored the need to have the budget be more inline with enrollment as was stated at the end of LY budget cycle. He also stated he hoped STEPs in the CBA would be replaced with performance criteria that are measureable. He requested the NHSB re-submit a budget that reflects a declining enrollment.

Discussion

Ms. Kilroy read the 8/21/13 minutes which gave a budget goal of 2%. Mrs. Allen stated that the 8/21 meeting also discussed declining enrollments as well. Mr. Peck indicated the 2% shouldn't hold once enrollment figures were down again. Mrs. Allen stated that several lines were over budget at the end of 2013 including \$98.0K legal, \$27.0K subs, \$17.0K SPED consult while all non-lapsing funds were filled indicating to her that the budget could be tightened.

Mr. Gregg discussed Technology at NHS.

Discuss Audit and Continue thru Budget Book p.90-end

Audit items were clarified as were additional questions from 11/13/13 meeting.

Mrs. Allen requested the annual audits be made available on the SAU21 website.

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Mr. Miller discussed non-lapsing funds and stated that the number of adults at the school needs to be reduced. He felt that there had to be a change TY delivering a budget with a declining enrollment.

Mr. Golden asked for a clarification on savings from the eliminating the school psychologist. Mr. Peck asked Mr. Hickey to re-review and re-explain.

Mr. Peck requested clarification on potential ACA liability. Mr. Hickey stated \$69.0K max..Mrs. Ambrogi responded that this amount is still at least a FY away.

Mr. Peck asked why with a declining enrollment would supplies and book/print media be spending same dollars. Ms.Kilroy said the NHSB was going to look at all the lines BudCom put forth and they would have another budget meeting to discuss.

Mrs. Allen asked about the timing of the SEA contract being available to BudCom. Last BudCom for the year is 12/18 but next NHSB is 12/19. Dr. Sullivan stated he had an agenda setting meeting 12/9 with Chair Sarazen and that if contract is approved at next NHSB, the changes could be sent to BudCom. The current CBA is available at SAU21.org.

Mr Peck suggested the CBA sub-committee (Peck, Hamilton, Walzak) meet to analyze the CBA and present back to BudCom. Ms. Le stated she would like to join the sub-committee as well.

Ms. Tuttle explained that if the CBA is approved by North Hampton voters in March but not by the rest of SAU21/90, that dollar amount becomes part of the unreserved fund balance for the school.

Mrs. Allen asked about monies leftover from the Renovation warrant and how they make their way back to the town. Ms. Tuttle said there were 5 projects still to be done over Holiday Break. Whatever monies left go back to the town as a credit on the town's DRA tax sheet. Current estimate is \$55.0K.

Action items are as follows p. 90-end of book:

- pp95/96 budget to expected not potential #, not off LY budget
 - p. 107 Repair/Maint Building, request NHSB not use \$15.0K from trust fund, save for emergencies not scheduled maintenance.
 - p. 110,112 Electricity and Heating Oil, take into consideration energy savings from renovation
 - p.118 Snow, look into using town plows as potential savings
 - p. 120 Bus, re-llc at # of buses
- Due to time the NHSB was requested to complete looking at rest of budget book in same fashion.

Warrants: #3, Mr. Golden asked if Building Maintenance could be deleted or reduced. Will there be an additional warrant for natural gas?

Correspondence to BudCom

90 **Request to alter 1/8/14 meeting to joint hearing w/SB.** The Committee decided to
91 make the 1/8/14 meeting a joint hearing with the Board of Selectmen.

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93 **Nominees/Alternates for Municipal Facilities Building Committee.** Mr. Walzak is the
94 Committee's nominee to the MFBC with Mr. Garnett as alternate. Mr. Golden will be on the
95 Finance Committee.

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97 **Approve minutes 11/20.** Dispensed with approval until next meeting.

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99 **New Business** None

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101 **Adjournment:** Moved by Mr. Garnett, all second. Adjourned at 10:19pm.

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104 **Upcoming meetings:** 12/11 Final Review of Town/Warrants
105 12/18 Final Review of NHS/Warrants
106 1/08 *poss change PH for NHS & Town plus bonding

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