

Budget Committee Draft Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2015, 7:00pm in Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

a. Introduce Budget Committee Members

In attendance were Jonathan Pinette, Kari Schmitz, Dickie Garnett, John Anthony Simmons, James Sununu, Selectman Rick Stanton, Terry Belluche. Absent Casey O'Kane. Present representing North Hampton School, Nancy Tuttle, Bill Hickey, Principal Boardman, Assistant Principal Griffenhagen, Tamara Le and Victoria Kilroy.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Second Review of School Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Nancy Tuttle stated that she had emailed committee members information they had requested at the last meeting and asked if anyone had further questions.

Bill Hickey stated he had looked into the question of a well at the school posed by Mr. Simmons, and it had been researched and he was awaiting a formal response. He did note he was told by Epping Well the cost for municipal water would be the same as having a well, but that the state preferred municipal water to well water for the schools.

Nancy Tuttle stated the numbers will be in for the phone system and the SEA contracts by the next scheduled Budget Committee meeting on December 29, 2015.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to move the January 4, 2016 public hearing date to January 7, 2016 at 7PM with a back up date of January 11, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Pinette. Motion carries 8-0.

Chair Hamilton noted that the school returned a surplus of \$150,000 for FY15 and the funds went into the school's expendable trust funds.

Chair Hamilton asked if there was a motion to approve the school budget as presented.

Mr. Simmons stated he thought the meeting was a continuation of a review of the school's budget and that he wasn't prepared to vote on it.

Much discussion ensued regarding expendable health trusts, how they work and their importance.

Mr. Simmons asked for further explanation and Mr. Sununu explained the expendable trust funds are for unanticipated expenses. Mrs. Tuttle followed up with an explanation for what is allowed by the Department of Revenue Administration and the State Education board.

Discussion ensued regarding the operating budget versus warrant articles. It was noted if the SEA contract passes in North Hampton, but not in the other towns the money must be returned.

52 **Motion by Chair Hamilton to increase the budget by \$2,300 for wage increases for the Speech**
53 **Language Assistant, Principal, Assistant Principal, Office Manager and the Facilities Manager.**
54 **Seconded by Mrs. Schmitz for discussion.**
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56 **Mrs. Schmitz stated she would like to see equality between the non union town employees and the**
57 **non union school employees.**
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59 **Mr. Sununu noted the town non union employees was not receiving a 2% increase, but there is a**
60 **potential for some to receive a 4.7% increase.**
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62 **Selectman Stanton called the question. The motion failed 1-6-1.**
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64 **Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the school budget in the amount of \$8,408,725 subject to**
65 **adjustments for the telephone line item 4241031521. Seconded by Mrs. Schmitz. Mr. Simmons**
66 **stated he could not support the budget as he would have liked to have the opportunity to decrease**
67 **the line item for Speakers by \$1,000. Motion carries 7-1.**
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69 3. Any new business that comes before the committee
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71 4. Approve minutes for November 2, 16, and 30, 2015
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73 **Motion by Mr. Sununu to approve the November 2, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by**
74 **Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 5-0-2.**
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76 **Motion by Mr. Sununu to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by**
77 **Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 7-0. (Secretary's Note: Mr. Garnett had left the meeting and**
78 **therefore did not vote.)**
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80 **(Secretary's Note: the November 30, 2015 were not discussed.)**
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82 5. Adjourn
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84 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.
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86 Respectfully,
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