

Town of Winchester, NH
Budget Committee Meeting
January 11, 2018

Members Present: Sherman Tedford (Chairman), Steve Fucile, Roberta Fraser (Selectmen's Rep), Rikki Bolewski, Kevin Bazan (School Board Rep)

Others Present: Dr. Genovese (Superintendent), Elisha Jackson (Business Manager), Valerie Carey (Vice Principal), Mike Duprey (Principal)

- Meeting called to order at 7pm by Sherman
- Rikki makes a motion to open the Public Hearing, Kevin seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0 – Public Hearing open at 7:02pm
- There is concern raised by multiple residents, some of whom are also teachers/para-professionals at the school, about the projected loss of two teachers from the proposed budget. There is concern about how this will cause larger class sizes and how that will impact the students and teachers.
- As these cuts were made by the School Board and presented to the Budget Committee, Dr. Genovese explains the thought process and how that decision is determined. These are not cut positions, but there are two teachers retiring at the end of the current year, and those positions will not be re-filled.
- Pat McCloud questions what the Adjustment Counselor position's role is and Emily Henderson questions what the position description and qualifications are for that position. Dr. Genovese explains that they are looking for someone with at least a Masters Degree and explains it's role.
- Hannah Gagnon wants to know if the option to buy a bus is in this budget as it was brought up last year to try to save money in that line last year – this is not in the budget. Transportation is still something that they continue to look at as there is limited options. They put it out to bid every year and only get one response every year.
- Barry Montgomery questions whether there is a late bus for Keene High students. This has been cut from the budget as it is not used most of the time. There is currently a late bus on Wednesdays that was supposed to be for those who want to participate in afterschool activities (most of which seem to be on Wednesdays), but it isn't utilized much, so they are cutting it from the budget.
- Melanie Harrison questions whether raises are part of this budget – they are.

- Emily Henderson questions whether the 3 days that will be added to the school year are included in this budget – they are
- Roberta makes a motion to close the Public Hearing, Kevin seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0 – Public Hearing Closed at 8:30pm
- School Warrant Articles are discussed
 - Roberta makes a motion to recommend Article 2, Kevin seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0
 - Rikki makes a motion to recommend Article 3, Roberta seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0
 - Roberta makes a motion to recommend Article 5, Steve seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0
 - Roberta makes a motion to recommend Article 6, Rikki seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0
- Roberta makes a motion to adjourn, Steve seconds
 - Motion carries 5-0
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm
- Next meeting to be held is the Town's Public Hearing on January 16, 2018 at 7pm (Budget Committee to meet at 6pm) at the Town Hall



Respectfully Submitted,

Rikki Bolewski

