

## **Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023.**

**Committee members present included:** Brenden Hubbard-Chair, Kevin Bazan-Vice Chair, Ben Kilanski-Selectboard Rep (stand in for Theresa Sepe), Michelle Dwight, Jake Blake-Schoolboard Rep.

Brenden Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Brenden Hubbard went over the two things that the Budget Committee were looking for more information on from last week which included the special education transportation and the social worker wages. Lindseigh Picard said that the school board had a conversation about all the different modes of special education transportation, and they will be working with the future budget season to break those budget lines down further for more clarification. Cheryl Mayberry added that out of district special education transportation is now more in line with the 2023-2024 budget. Brenden Hubbard confirmed the only two differences from last week to now is the special education transportation and the employee line which Lindseigh Picard agreed with.

Kevin Bazan asked the School Board for clarification on the \$81,000 drop on Special Education Transportation for out of District Students and Lindseigh Picard advised the Budget Committee that not all transports are transported daily.

Kevin Bazan asked how much of the School Board's Capital Reserve is for placement now. Lindseigh Picard answered \$259,534.87. Kevin asked if some of that amount would be used for next year and Lindseigh Picard said no, that they may use it in the current budget season for unforeseen needs, emergency situations, etc.

Brenden Hubbard reminded the board that last year a motion was made, then all board members shared their thoughts and worked together to come up with the final total to vote on. Ben Kilanski advised that he would be voting on what Theresa Sepe discussed with him and would be comfortable with. Kevin Bazan said he was comfortable with what he heard but wasn't sure about the out of district placement amount.

Kevin made a motion to approve the School Budget in the amount of \$12,774,454.00. Jake Blake 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brenden Hubbard offered a friendly amendment of \$12,701,904. Lindseigh Picard added that the School Board worked hard to lean their budget and Michelle Dwight added that she wanted to add \$2000 back in. Brenden made a friendly amendment of \$12,756,953.50.

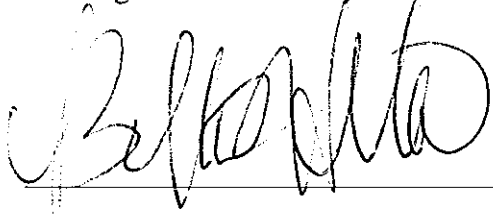
Kevin Bazan kindly declined Mr. Hubbard's amendment and made a motion to approve the School Budget in the amount of \$12,764,453.51. Jake Blake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Michelle Dwight made a motion to accept the minutes from 12/5/23 with corrections. Jake Blake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

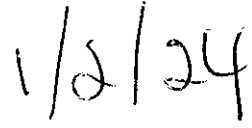
Ben Kilanski made a motion to adjourn. Jake Blake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 645pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Monica Truesdell, T.A. Assistant

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Brenden Hubbard-Budget Committee Chair

A handwritten date "1/2/24" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date