

Minutes for the budget Committee
January 10, 2020

Board Members present:

Lindseigh Picard- School Board rep, Chester LaPoint - Chairman, Ben Kilanski- Selectman rep, Tiffany Melanson, Theresa Sepe- Co-Chairman

Meeting Called to order at 6:06 PM

First Order of Business: Approve minutes from Dec 19th and Dec 30TH.

MTA- Ben- Second Tiffany- Theresa Abstained

4/0 Motion passes

Second order of business:

Theresa: asked questions about the transportation contracts.

- It is a three year contract.

Why are there two separate line items for Para's?

- A few students have a 504, not an IEP that require Para support.

Discussion about raises

- The School Board members would like the employee salaries to be comparable with similar districts. 8 people at a cost of \$ 24,540

Ben: how many Para's a normally needed for a student with a 504 plan? In the past, about 2 a year.

- Referring to the requested information received from Mary-

Why are there more raises in the budget for teachers?

- A few teachers are receiving a master's degree and the bargaining agreement states they receive the max amount.

Why is the trend for the salary item line over spent?

-advancement

Confirming Pre-school has two teachers, one class with 6 students

-Yes, there has to be an equal number of students with and without an IEP. The cap is 12 students total.

Lindseigh stresses the student/ teacher ratio is 16.5

Theresa asked if benefits for part time employees are included.

- No

Chester called on the public for any questions or comments.

Jack Marsh- Would like confirmation if article 3 passes, it would increase the operating budget

- Yes \$580,000

Requested to review approved minutes from 12/30/2019 before any motions are made

Question about Mary's statement on 12/30/2019 about unpaid invoices that are increasing the budget.

- Explained that the invoices hadn't been received

Theresa- Motion to Approve \$12,343,702.00 - Second Ben
Lindseigh- Would like an idea of where to make reduction

Lindseigh stressed the special Ed. trust is not able to be used anywhere else.

Ben states that the reduction is not the responsibility of the budget committee.

Ken states that the MS-27 defines that is indeed the responsibility of the committee.

Mary - budget is on currently enrolled students

Kevin- Budgeted amount for Special ed students is per current students

Theresa- Val explained in a past meeting that the student's curriculum needs are met with the budget

Kevin- only able to control the cost that are inside of the building. No control over Special ed students that move into the district

Theresa- Stresses she feels the amount is a reasonable reduction and the motion stands.

Jack Marsh(from audience) question about statement given in regard to the Special Ed. reserve

Lindseigh- \$638,000 is KHS tuition increase and the district is currently out of compliance on two teachers

Jack Marsh- are the 2 positions mandated? Yes

Jack- Stresses it is incantational in the state to mandate

Theresa- Stated there is a standing motion and she is requesting a vote.

Ben- second

Lindseigh- Please do not call for a vote- I am in the middle of a discussion

Chester- called for vote

Lindseigh- Please let the record show she is in the middle of a discussion and the chair did not recognize her request to allow her to finish and called for a vote

Vote for \$12,343,702.00 - 4/0 Motion passes

MTR- MOTION TO RECOMMEND/ MTNR- MOTION TO NOT RECOMMEND

Theresa- MTR article 3 as written- Be second for discussion-

5/0 motion passes

Ben- MTR article 2 with new amended amount \$ 12,343,702.00 -second -Theresa

4/1 motion passes

Theresa MTR article 5 to be put on ballot-second Ben- 4/1 motion passes

Conversation about how to proceed with a reconsideration

Ben- Motion to Reconsideration article 5 - second- Tiffany

- 5/0 motion passes

Ben- MTNR article - second Tiffany- 5/0 motion passes

Ben- Question about article 6

Lindseigh explained this is the explanation she was trying to have when the vote was called for article 2.

She explained that the dollar amount received must match amount that is on the ballot

Ben MTR article 6 -second- Theresa -5/0 motion passes

Theresa- MTR article 7 -second Ben- 5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh- MTR article 7- second Theresa- 5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh asks for reconsideration of article 2 after the new information has been discussed.

Chester - Motion to reconsider article 2- second -Lindseigh

3/2 motion passes

Lindseigh -Motion to approve \$287,000 back into operating budget making the it \$12,630,702.- second-

Chester - 3/2 motion passes

Ben -Motion to revisit article 2- second- Lindseigh- 5/0

Ben- MTNR article 2 - second- Theresa- 5/0 motion passes

Town warrant articles

Theresa- MTR article 2 second- Tiffany- 5/0 motion passes

Tiffany -MTR articles 3 and 4 as written -second Ben -5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh- MTR article 5- second Tiffany- 5/0 motion passes

Ben- MTR article 6- second Tiffany- 5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh -MTR article 7- second-Tiffany- Lindseigh would like to know if the town is working towards a capital improvement plan? YES- encourages the Selectman to share the plan more with the residents.

5/0 Motion passes

Tiffany- MTR article 8- second Ben- 5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh- MTR article 9-second Ben- 5/0 motion passes

Tiffany- MTR article 10 -second Lindseigh- 5/0 motion passes

Article 11- Theresa recommends tabling this article until the public hearing to receive information about the new loader- All is in agreeance

Theresa-MTR article 12 and 13- second Ben- 5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh-MTR article 14- second Tiffany- 5/0 motion passes

Ben- MTR Article 15- second Tiffany- Lindseigh would like to know if the article is able to be re-worded?

It appears it is taxation. 5/0 motion passes

Ben-MTR article 16- second Lindseigh-5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh MTR-Article 17- Second Ben-5/0 motion passes

Lindseigh- MTR Article 18-second Theresa- 5/0 motion passes

Ben-MTR article 19 - second Tiffany-2/3 motion fails

Theresa- MTNR article 19 second Lindseigh -3/2 Motion passes

Town Petition Warrant Articles

Chester- MTNR article 20 second Theresa- 4/1 motion passes

Theresa - MTR article 21- second Chester -5/0 motion passes

Ben- MTR article 22-second Tiffany 5/0 motion passes

PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY JANUARY 14Th

Motion to adjourn- Ben-second Lindseigh-5/0 0motion passes

FEB 1st 9:00 am TOWN DELIBERATIVE (SATURDAY) - budget committee meeting at 8:30 AM

FEB 6th 6:30 PM SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE (THURSDAY) -budget committee meeting at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rhodes January 18, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JR', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.