

Town of Hinsdale
Budget Committee Public Hearing
Monday, February 6, 2023

Attendees: Dennis Nadeau, Kenny Howe, James MacDonell, Michael Bomba, April Anderson (School Board Rep), Alex Duso, Josh Green, Bill Nebelski and Steve Diorio (Selectmen Rep)

Excused: Karen Johnson and Janice Nichols

6:32 p.m. Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to order.

Dennis opened the meeting with the purpose of the meeting was to go over the school budget and municipal budget.

Lengthy discussion regarding cost per student. Ken Howe motioned to cut 17% from \$14,601,276.00 budget, leaving a remainder of \$12,304,945. Bill Nebelski seconded. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the 17% cut. Ken made it clear that he did not agree with a large cut of 17% and if the townspeople wanted to add 10% back to the Budget Committee's recommended number, they were legal to do so, but not over 10%. Ken explained it would be a decrease of \$1,065,840. The 17% cut would decrease \$2,296,331.00. April Anderson raised a point of order regarding the committee's intent to vote via paper ballot. She pointed out that per RSA 91 A:2, the committee was not allowed to vote by paper ballot. The hearing is a public meeting, and the public has a right to know how the public officials are voting. Julia Kilelee asked why such a cut and where it would come from and the discussion continued on this subject. Multiple board members spoke about different places cuts could be made in the school budget. Dennis Nadeau made it clear that sports and other programs of the like should not be cut. James MacDonell motioned to move the question and Alex Duso seconded. It was put to a vote and it was 4 to 5 of a no vote. James made a motion to cut the budget \$360,000 and Alex Duso seconded and the group went into discussion about that. James made it clear there were at least three positions that could be cut. After much discussion, we decided to recess for 15 minutes at 8:05. Out of recess, James rescinded his motion. Ken Howe then motioned to accept last year's number of \$14,164,246 and Bill Nebelski seconded. There was a brief discussion and was put to a vote and it was 8 to 1 in the affirmative.

Article 2 was discussed. \$17,000 to replace desks and chairs in two classrooms.
Recommended by the committee 9-0

Article 3 was discussed. Close Building & Site Improvements Capital Reserve and transfer balance (\$35,814.33 as of Dec 31, 2022) to the town's general fund. Recommended by the committee 9-0

At 8:25 the Budget Committee went into discussion with Selectmen regarding the Articles.

Article 2. Selectmen approved. James MacDonell motioned, Bill Nebelski seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 3. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 4. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, Alex Duso seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 5. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 6. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 7. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 8. Selectmen approved. James MacDonell motioned, Bill Nebelski seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 9. Selectmen approved. James MacDonell motioned, Bill Nebelski seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 10. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 11. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 12. Selectmen approved. James MacDonell motioned, Bill Nebelski seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 13. Selectmen approved. Bill Nebelski motioned, James MacDonell seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 14. Selectmen approved. Alex Duso motioned, James MacDonald seconded and passed unanimously.

Article 15. Selectmen approved.

James MacDonell motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ken Howe. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.