

**Budget Committee Meeting
Hinsdale School Board Meeting
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Joint Meeting
Hinsdale School District SAU Conference Room
January 8, 2020
6:30 PM**

School Board Members Present: James O'Malley, Holly Kennedy, Sean Leary, and Kaylah Hemlow (arrived 6:31 pm)

Excused: Jeana Woodbury, School Board

Budget Committee Member Present: Peter Zavorotny, Lisa Prince, Lindsey Blake, James MacDonell, Edwin Smith, Bill Nebelski, Karen Johnson, Dennis Nadeau, Selectmen's Representative- Steve Diorio, School Board Representative-Holly Kennedy

Excused: Ken Howe- Budget Committee

School Administration Presents: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology; Tom O'Connor, Business Administrator; Joe Boggio, Principal; Tom Ronning Assistant Principal; Karen Craig Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Karen Thompson, Director of Extended Learning

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

J. MacDonnell called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

H. Kennedy welcomed the Budget Committee to the meeting.

T. OConnor presented the Committee with budget information, including an overview, draft MS-27, draft budget, warrant, and back up information.

Key Takeaways:

1. State education aid will increase \$620,683 for 2020-2021. Included within FY21 Adequacy Aid are adjustments for Free & Reduced \$90,112.86 and for Fiscal Capacity Disparity \$530,570.03 This additional aid will offset much of the expense budget increase.
2. Expense budget increases of \$877k (see discussion of cost drivers below) are contractual (collective bargaining agreements previously approved by voters) or legally required in providing students a Free and Appropriate public education as mandated in federal law and by NH Constitution. Other non-contractual areas of expense budget were reduced which resulted in a lesser increase of \$787,217.

3. Proposed change in net appropriation (proposed budget increase \$787,217 less state aid increase

\$620,683) is \$166,534. **This net increase is 1.4% above the FY20 net appropriation.**

4. Estimating other revenues and tax rate will continue as we move toward the public hearing on the budget.

P. Zavorotny, asked if the district is receiving over \$600,000.00 in additional income from the State why wasn't this passed on to the taxpayers. W. Woolridge explained the collaborative process that was used to craft the budget. There are two new positions in the budget, a fourth grade teacher and administrative assistant, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction will go to a fulltime position with the title, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Several years ago the school tax rate was \$19.53 today it is \$19.83. There are plans in this budget to handle key retirements over the next several years. Finding staff continues to be a problem in the current job market. The grant situation has become more concerning due to the type of audits that are being conducted by the state. We have a bus contract that is being negotiated.

P. Zavorotny said thank you but this does not really answer the question.

H. Kennedy explained the Tuition Enrollment Committee and the work they have been doing to increase revenue by offering students in surrounding areas the ability to tuition to Hinsdale High School. They should have information ready for the Board for the February Meeting and will have information for School District meeting.

K. Johnson asked for an explanation of summer school, if it was needed. J. Boggio and A. Freitag answered that summer school is mandated for Special Education children that have it in their IEP. Ann F. explained the credit recovery plan that is available at the Hinsdale Middle High School.

K. Johnson asked about outsourcing the janitorial services. It was explained that this would have to be a negotiation with the support staff.

L. Prince asked how many vehicles the district owned. The district owns 4 vehicles two vans, one maintenance truck and 1 driver's education car. The vans are used for Windham Career Center transportation and ELO's. The vans are also used when possible for such things as, field trips, sports teams, and the Town for events such as Outdoor Hinsdale.

J. MacDonnell led the group through the budget page by page, questions were asked and answered.

K. Craig gave an explanation of the change in the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction to a full time position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

K. Johnson asked how many students were involved in the ELO program. K. Thompson answered 26.

Discussion was held regarding the Capital Improvement Plan with additions and changes since last year.

The Budget Committee set Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 6:00 at the Town Hall for their next meeting to discuss budgets.

Budget Committee Motion:

B. Nebelski moved to adjourn at 8:21 pm D. Nadeau seconded, motion passed 10-0-0

School Board Motion:

S. Leary MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 -A:3 II (a) at 8:21 pm; K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call -S. Leary- yes, H. Kennedy- yes, K. Hemlow -yes-, and J. O'Malley-yes VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

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S. Leary MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

I attest that this is a true copy of the minutes:

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Ann Marie Diorio