

**Town of Hinsdale  
Budget Committee Meeting and  
Joint Meeting with Selectmen  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

**Attendees:** Dennis Nadeau, Kenny Howe, Janice Nichols, April Anderson (School Board Rep), Alex Duso, Karen Johnson, Josh Green, James MacDonell and Bill Nebelski

Steve Diorio (Selectmen Rep) meeting w/ Selectmen upstairs and we join them later

**Excused:** Michael Bomba

6:02 p.m. Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to order.

The meeting opens with a focus on the school budget. There were discussions regarding music classes and how many classes take place each week for Elementary and Middle/High School, class sizes, state guidelines for teacher/student ratio, the SPED Program, revenue, cutting positions, preschool program and sports program.

At 6:22 p.m. the Budget Committee joined the Selectmen meeting.

**Police Department:** Chief Rataj joined the meeting to discuss more cuts he was able to make to the budget. Alex Duso motion to tentatively approve budget, seconded by Bill Nebelski. Motion passed unanimously.

**Health Officer:** James MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget, second by Alex Duso. Motion passed unanimously.

**Library:** James MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget, second by Kenny Howe. Motion passed unanimously.

**Patriotic Purposes:** Dennis Nadeau will plan to draft an article to pay for cemetery grave markers. James MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve, second by Bill Nebelski, passed unanimously.

**Conservation** – Table for revisit.

**Debt Service** – Kenny Howe made a motion to tentatively approve, second by Alex Duso and passed unanimously.

**Capital Outlay** – Bill Nebelski motioned to pass over for now and Alex Duso seconded, everyone agreed.

At 6:58 p.m. the joint meeting between Budget Committee and Selectmen ended.

The Budget Committee rejoined separately from Selectmen and continued to discuss the school budget. The discussion continued regarding justification of increase, cutting budget to last year's budget, bringing back an industrial arts program to the school, pursuing surrounding towns to get interest in sending kids to Hinsdale schools and overall discussions regarding where costs could be cut.

Joint Budget Committee Meeting with School Board scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

James MacDonell motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bill Nebelski. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.