

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 6:00 pm.
David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center**

Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Wayne Goertel, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Jillian Godbout, Amy Tremblay, Jim Sullivan, Alexis Quinlan, Jason Hyde and Evelyn (Lynn) Baker. Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools, Bill Rearick. The Assistant Superintendent, Business Administrator, Principals and staff were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wayne Goertel led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Workshop

Bill Rearick said there had been one significant change, and that change was reflected in a handout presented to the Board members. He said salaries and benefits account for approximately 75% of the operating budget. Wayne Goertel suggested that the Board review the budget in sections.

Chris Osborne, Director of Student Services, spoke to special education line items and she and Bill Rearick explained acronyms used in the budget. Dean Farmer, Maintenance Director, spoke to maintenance line items.

Bill Rearick explained that transportation is one of the big drivers of the budget. Because this is a new contract, that cost will not be in the default budget.

Jason Hyde stated that five lines account for 1.7 million -Speech/Audiology/Maintenance/High School Tuition/Special Education/Transportation- and that each are binding. He added that the net increase of 1.3 million was mostly made up of insurance, fuel and electricity. Mr. Hyde said Bill and his team did a good job doing what they could and it's now up to the budget committee to do their job.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the 2023/2024 operational budget in the amount of \$38,691,306 and the default as \$38,037,375. Board Clerk, Amy Tremblay took a roll-call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Jim Sullivan and Lynn Baker commended Bill and administrators for their work on the budget.

Jillian Godbout asked if there are any 'placeholders'; non-solid numbers in the budget, to which Bill Rearick stated transportation, tuition and health and dental rates are subject to change. He will be meeting with the budget committee on December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

No participation.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II (a-k) (if necessary)

At 7:30 p.m., motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II a. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynn Baker, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
School Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the David. R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.