

GILFORD BUDGET COMMITTEE SY 2015-2016
Elementary School Subcommittee meeting

December 8, 2014 – Gilford Elementary School Principal's office

Present: Danielle Bolduc, principal; Sue Greene, Phyllis Corrigan. Absent: Jeff Beane

Meeting started at 3:15 PM. Ended at 4:10 PM.

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Summary: The proposed budget is up \$109,072.

P8 – There are 25.3 FT positions. Same as last year. There are 3 4th grade teachers with 22-23 kids in each grade. There is a reduction of 1 FTE assistant teacher this year. Staff is decreasing by 6 support staff.

P8- Salaries Substitutes: This \$2500.00 increase could be used for substitute aides as well as for a teacher for an absent teacher or aide.

The salaries of the ES substitute teachers are proposed to increase 2.5% to get more in line with actual cost.

P8 – Under Textbooks: A “new K-8 Math program” is being proposed. This is the “Common Core” program; an estimated \$30,000 investment in the elementary school and a like amount for the middle school. The sub committee is not in favor of this expenditure. There should be a discussion among all members of the BC.

P10 – Student activities stipends – There is no increase; Student Activities materials shows a drop of \$1000.00.

P10 – Summer School: Shows a drop of \$3500.00 because the program is largely self-funded.

P11 – Curriculum Development: This amount is per the current contract.

Course Reimbursement: This is down as it is proposed to cut the number of days staff gets paid for curriculum development days.

P14 – Salary adjustment is down to \$96,684 which reflects a \$999.00 decrease because of the longevity pay for the principal. Longevity pay as a whole for administration is up from \$12,000 in 2014 to \$17,000 in 2015. Committee recommends reducing the longevity pay by \$999.00.

P14 – Postage is down by \$700.00 as most communications are now emailed.


P14 – Travel: There is no increase; this account covers trips to Concord and local conference travel.

The proposed replacement of Imagination Station falls under Special Projects and is slated to be paid from the annual budget, not a warrant article. The projected cost is \$106,500 of which \$6500.00 is for demolition and removal of hazardous materials therein. Also included in the Special Projects account is a walk-in cooler/freezer for \$5000.00.

The subcommittee recommends reducing the total amount by \$999.00 for longevity pay and \$30,000 for Textbooks/Elementary School.

Total amount should be: \$4,046,903.00.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sub-committee Member

