

TOWN OF GILFORD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2018  
6:30 PM

Members present: Joseph Wernig, Kristin Snow, Tracie Corbett, Timothy Sullivan, Richard Grenier (arrived at 6:50pm), Sean Murphy, S. Peter Karagianis, Chris McDonough, Susan Greene, Jack Kelley and David "Skip" Murphy.

Members absent: Thomas Chase.

Chairman Sean Murphy called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:30 pm, established there was a quorum present and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: The Budget Committee reviewed the 12/06/18 meeting minutes. Joe Wernig made a motion to accept the 12/06/18 minutes as written; seconded by Jack Kelley and passed; (10-0).

Public comment:

Chair Sean Murphy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Gilford Elementary School subcommittee report: Sean Murphy reviewed the line item changes to the Gilford Elementary School budget as reviewed at their subcommittee meeting. Sean Murphy reviewed the various wage increases/decreases in the budget. Discussion ensued regarding new equipment, replacement equipment and salary of elementary guidance. Discussion ensued regarding the need to add one more guidance counselor and Principal Danielle Bolduc outlined what the Guidance Counselor does and answered questions. There was also discussion regarding the Frontline system, which, is the software system used for scheduling substitute teachers. Sean Murphy reviewed that the increase between the current budget and the proposed budget is \$90,863. \$85,858 of that increase is for the CBA and the shifting of Curriculum Directors into the Schools. Discussion ensued. Tracie Corbett made a motion to accept the Gilford Elementary School budget for \$2,622,213 as recommended by the School Board; seconded by Joe Wernig and passed; (10-0).

Gilford Middle School subcommittee report: Sean Murphy reviewed line item changes to the Gilford Middle School budget as reviewed at their subcommittee meeting. Sean explained the middle school teacher salary increase along with coaching salaries and summer program salaries to name a few. Sean reviewed the Contracted Services (C/S) instructional equipment increase, Library services increase and discussion ensued around the Principal's salary increase. There is a proposed 2.5% salary increase some of that increase, is to increase the Assistant Principal position from a half time position to a two-thirds position. Sean explained that you would see a reduction of one third in the Elementary budget. Discussion ensued. Principal Peter Sawyer explained how this will work and answered questions. Sean Murphy said the increase between the current budget and the proposed budget is \$123,081. \$110,807 of that increase is for the CBA and the shifting of the Curriculum and Athletic Director into the schools. Discussion ensued. Kristin Snow made a motion to approve the Gilford Middle School budget for \$2,466,903 as recommended by the School Board; seconded by Tracie Corbett and passed; (11-0).

Gilford High School subcommittee report: Timothy Sullivan gave an in depth report on the High School subcommittee's meeting starting with staffing, cost sharing between the schools, substitute teacher budgeting, contracted services equipment, new equipment and replacement equipment to name a few. Discussion ensued. Longer discussion took place with Principal Anthony Sperazzo regarding student athletics, salaries for Principals, support staff, etc. Principal Sperazzo explained the costs to split certain positions and a breakdown analysis for the removal of the one high school secretary. Discussion ensued. The topic of transportation again came up, regarding field trips that are budget and if the costs includes transportation along with the issues, the school faces with trying to find bus drivers, etc. Discussion ensued. Peter Karagianis asked what Field Studies (55190-47) budget included (on page 11 of 12 of the GHS budget). Principal Sperazzo said that this is the cost for transportation (busing). Timothy Sullivan concluded his report. Principal Sperazzo answered questions. Timothy Sullivan made a motion to approve the Gilford High School budget for \$4,540,676 as recommended by the School Board; seconded by Richard Grenier and passed; (11-0).

Review of requested School District items: Superintendent Kirk Beitler gave the Budget Committee a handout that outlines the percentage of Gilmanton Special Education students and Winnisquam Agriculture/Laconia Huot Tuition costs. This was similar to last week's handout, which listed information for Gilford students. In addition, this handout includes the per student tuition cost for the Winnisquam Agriculture and the Laconia Huot program. Superintendent Beitler commented that the cost for these two programs does not include transportation. Discussion ensued and Superintendent Beitler answered questions.

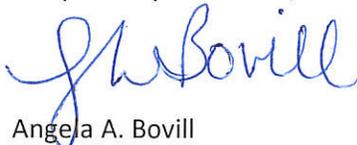
Public comment:

Chair Sean Murphy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the committee, Joe Wernig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Peter Karagianis and passed; (11-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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