

**TOWN OF GILFORD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2022  
6:30 PM**

Members present: David Tyler, Valerie Chase, Johnna-Dee Davis, Kyle Sanborn, Johan Andersen, Amber LaTorre, Angelo Farruggia and Gus Benavides

Members absent: Gaye Fedorchak, Stephen Hepburn and Dorothy Piquado

Also Present: School Superintendent Kirk Beitler, School Business Administrator Amy Leigh and Executive Assistant Chrissy Blood.

Mr. Tyler called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: The Budget Committee reviewed the 12/8/2022 minutes. Mr. Tyler made a motion to approve the 12/8/2022 minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Chase and passed; (7-0-1). Ms. LaTorre abstained from the vote.

District Wide Budget Subcommittee Review: Overall the District shows a 3.03% decrease for its 2023-2024 proposed budget. The total District Budget for FY 23-24 is \$10,085,941. This results from a savings of \$315,962 because of principal on the debt being retired. Transportation decreased 20% due to being near the end of the contract and received an extension of the existing contract. Mr. Tyler made a motion to approve the School District Wide Budget as recommended by the School Board for \$10,085,941; seconded by Mr. Farruggia and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

Food Service Subcommittee Review: The proposed Food Service budget for FY 23-24 is \$618,522 which reflects a 0.58% decrease of \$3,629. This is due in part to a food service position being open at GES. The Food Service Budget is not part of the taxed budget and therefore doesn't impact the voters as it is paid for by food service sales itself. Mr. Tyler made a motion to approve the Food Service Budget as recommended by the School Board for \$618,522; seconded by Mr. Sanborn and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

GES School Budget Subcommittee Review: The 2023-2024 proposed budget shows an increase of 0.38% or \$10,400. There is a 3% increase in support staff pay to bring them in line with new hires. Replacement equipment costs were offset by using ESSR grant. The Assistant Principal position within GES budget was removed as they are now in the middle school full time. Mr. Tyler made a motion to approve the GES School Budget as recommended by the School Board for \$2,717,779; seconded by Mr. Farruggia and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

GMS School Budget Subcommittee Review: The 2023-2024 proposed budget shows a net overall increase of 1.87% which is an increase of \$46,868. A salary decrease of \$81,576 represents savings from previous retirements and the removal of the Athletic Director position from the teacher line to its own line as that person operates primarily within GMS and GHS. The Athletic Trainer moved from a contracted service to a district employee position. Mr. Tyler made a motion to approve the GMS School Budget as recommended by the School Board for \$2,550,395; seconded by Mr. Sanborn and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

GHS School Budget Subcommittee Review: The 2023-2024 proposed budget shows an increase of 2.46% in the amount of \$107,385. There were very few increases within the separate accounts; most are level funded throughout the budget. Increases go back to proposed salary increases as seen at GES and GMS. Mr. Tyler made a motion to approve the GHS School Budget as recommended by the School Board for \$4,468,545; seconded by Mr. Farruggia and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

Other Business: The subcommittee for Revenues, Teacher Contracts and Default Budget was scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022 at 9:00am at the SAU office. The School facilities Subcommittee was rescheduled to Monday, December 19, 2022 at 2:00pm at the SAU office.

Public Input: There was none.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm, seconded by Mr. Farruggia and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Chrissy Blood, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Budget Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, ~~2022~~ <sup>2023</sup> ATTEST: <sup>DT</sup>



David Tyler, Chair