

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 8, 2011

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Ginny Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative
Gary Kubik, Precinct Representative
Michael Pierce, Selectman Representative
Pat Collins
Richard Desrosiers
Brian Lapham
Dustin Marzinzik
Mark McFarlin
Sandra Nickerson
Michael Plouffe
Peter Traynor
Brian Warburton

Excused

Richard Reniere

Others Present

Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent SAU 90
Nate Lunney, Business Administrator SAU 90
Rosemary Lamers, School Board Chairman
Art Gopalan, School Board
Maureen O'Leary, School Board
Peppa Ring, School Board
David O'Connor, Principal, Hampton Academy
Lois Costa, Principal, Marston
Tim Lannan, Principal, Centre

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members made self-introductions.

NOTE: Chairman will not vote except in case of a tie vote.

Operating Budget 2012-2013 for SAU 90

Chairman Latimer welcomed Superintendent Murphy, Mr. Lunney and the members of the School Board. She said this is the first budget to be put forward by SAU 90 and it is very well done.

Moved by Ms. Bridle-Russell, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to move forward to the public hearing the operating budget for 2012-2013 for SAU 90 in the amount of \$17,864,500.

Superintendent Murphy said this budget was driven based on the goals established by the School Board and reflects the needs of the district and the children. Those goals are as follows:

1. To achieve 100% student proficiency as measured by the NECAP and NWEA tests in the core subject areas.
2. To promote collaborative and cooperative communications with all district stakeholders including parents, students, staff, and community.

Superintendent Murphy said it is important that the entire community understands what is going on in the district. The first newsletter has been distributed.

3. To create a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.
4. To align financial resources with desired academic outcomes.

Superintendent Murphy said they had reached agreement on a contract with the Teachers' Association. A tentative agreement has been reached with paraprofessionals.

5. To ensure that the district's schools are safe and secure learning environments.

Superintendent Murphy said this is a zero based budget. It is based on what is needed to ensure that learning takes place.

Mr. Lunney said they reduced the budget by \$456,442 which is a 2.49% reduction. Reductions were made in the following areas: Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Benefits, Non-Salary, Special Ed Non-Salary, Maintenance & Utilities, Transportation and Food Services.

Mr. Lunney noted that the School Board approved a pool of \$50,000 for performance-based bonuses that do not increase base pay. This applies to Administration, Clerical, Custodial and Technical.

Discussion followed. Committee members voiced approval of the budget and said it was well done and easy to understand.

Chairman Latimer said she would like a report on a monthly basis on impact fees.

Mr. Warburton said he was very happy to see a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Chairman Latimer said the educational community is showing a good example of leadership. They planned for everything with dedication and commitment and then brought their budget to the Committee. Everything asked for was included.

Chairman Latimer then asked for a vote on the main motion of moving forward to the public hearing the amount of \$17,864,500 for the operating budget for SAU 90 for 2012-2013.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2011 as amended.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at which time the Town and School Money Articles will be addressed.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Marzinzik, seconded by Mr. Warburton, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary