

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 21, 2010

Budget Committee Members Present

Larry Stuker, Chairman  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman  
Maureen O'Leary, School Board Representative  
June White, Precinct Representative  
Pat Collins  
Dick Hansen  
Brian Lapham  
Eileen Latimer  
Jack Lessard  
Mark McFarlin  
Michael Pierce  
Michael Plouffe  
Peter Traynor

Excused

Richard Reniere

Chairman Stuker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Stuker introduced the members of the Board.

Chairman Stuker said this meeting would address the Hampton School District Budget and Estimated Revenues for 2011-2012.

Chairman Stuker welcomed Rosemary Lamers, Chairman of the Hampton School Board. Ms. Lamers introduced the members of her Board (Ginny Bridle, Rusty Bridle, Maureen O'Leary and Peppia Ring). Ms. Lamers then introduced Dr. Robert Sullivan, Superintendent SAU 21, Barbara Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent SAU 21, Nancy Tuttle, Finance Manager, and Bill Hickey, Business Administrator.

Ms. Lamers said there was a 1.3% increase in the budget from last year.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the public hearing the Operating Budget for the Hampton School District for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$18,425,770.

Ms. Lamers then addressed the sections of the Operating Budget.

### Regular Education

Mr. McFarlin asked about the reduction in this section. Ms. Lamers said it was due to staff reductions. This decision was made relative to enrollments.

### Special Education

Ms. Lamers said there had been a reduction of one case manager. Ms. Latimer questioned this. Ms. Lamers explained that the numbers did not reflect the need for this case manager.

Ms. Woolsey noted that there was a 5% increase in out of district placements. Sara Stetson, Special Education Director, said that the budget before the committee reflects current needs only. There could be unanticipated placements. Therefore they typically factor in an approximate 5% increase to help cover this. Ms. Woolsey asked how many students are reflected in this budget. Ms. Stetson said it was three students. Ms. Stetson also explained other vehicles for reimbursement. There is a cost share mechanism with the State and also catastrophic aid. Ms. Latimer said that it was important that people understand this area as it can go out of kilter quickly.

### Student Activities

No questions.

### Summer School

Ms. Lamers said the administration did not feel the data for summer school was substantial enough. There is more opportunity in having after school programs during the school year. This is more proactive.

### Guidance

The position of Outreach Coordinator was discussed. Ms. Lamers said the percentage of students served has increased substantially. The Outreach Coordinator works closely with the Town Welfare Officer.

### Health Services

Chairman Stuker asked if the schools were involved in any kind of immunization program. Ms. Lamers said the school district itself does not do this. However, the policy is that students must be immunized unless excused for religious or other pertinent reasons.

Chairman Stuker asked if there were policies in place to deal with large outbreaks such as swine flu. Dr. Sullivan said the schools work closely with the Board of Health on issues like this. Ms. Lamers said there is constant communication between the school and parents on health issues, i.e. outbreaks of head lice, cases of chicken pox, etc.

#### Speech Services

No questions.

#### Improvement of Instruction

Ms. Lamers said funds were moved into this account to allow the new Superintendent to be successful in matters of curriculum.

#### Educational Media

Mr. Traynor asked if the Town Library transfers any books to the schools. Ms. Lamers said the PTA and library have created a swapping program. Ms. O'Leary said there is a great deal of cooperation between the schools and the Town Library.

#### Technology

Ms. Lamers said they were behind in the replacement of computer equipment because of the economic situation and the fact that money was taken from this account previously for other expenses. Ms. Lamers said technology is a tremendous opportunity for children to learn at a faster pace. Mr. McFarlin said he liked seeing this in the operating budget rather than in a warrant article.

The addition of smart boards to classrooms was discussed.

#### Paraprofessionals

Ms. Lamers said contracts can be viewed on the web. Ms. Tuttle said the SEA contract has been ratified and can be viewed now. The SESPA contract will be on the web soon. These can be viewed at [www.sau21.org](http://www.sau21.org).

Mr. Traynors asked if these contracts will move to SAU 90. Ms. Lamers said they will.

#### Board of Education

No questions.

### SAU Services

Ms. Lamers said this is for the new SAU 90 starting July 1, 2011. A 3-year contract has been entered into with Budget Sense (financial software). The funds for the first year were encumbered and this will be year 2.

### School Administration

No questions.

### Buildings

Mr. Traynor noted that there has usually been a warrant article for \$300,000 for repair and maintenance of the school buildings. Ms. Tuttle said that will also be in a warrant article this year.

Keith Lessard, Facilities Manager, discussed the recycling program at the schools.

### Grounds

No questions.

### Security Services

No questions.

### Transportation

Ms. Woolsey commented that often the school busses do not appear to be full. Ms. Lamers explained that the contract calls for 90 person busses. They are not full at all times. However, it is required by law to have a seat for every student in the building in case of emergency. Ms. Latimer noted that this transportation is also provided for Sacred Heart students. Ms. Lamers said all students in the community have a right to transportation.

### Debt Service

Ms. Latimer asked about an impact fee of \$29,000 which expires in January. Mr. Hickey said the request has already been made so there is no danger of expiration.

Employee Benefits

No questions.

Food Service

Mr. Pierce said he felt the food service program should be self-supporting. Ms. Latimer said the School Subcommittee discussed this area at length. Problems have arisen because the commodities market went crazy. Food prices are way up.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to move the question.

Chairman Stuker asked for a vote on the main motion.

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

Ms. Woolsey said the Committee would be interested in seeing whether the school district can recover monies from its LCG Health Trust, per the suit the NH Firefighters have brought regarding misuse of health and workers comp funds held by the LCG. Dr. Sullivan said the Secretary of State is looking into this. Ms. Woolsey also noted that the district may benefit starting January 1, 2011 from the 2% decrease in FICA withholding.

Ms. Lamers then addressed the estimated revenues for 2011-2012.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to approve the estimated revenues in the amount of \$680,737 for the Hampton School District for 2011-2012.

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

Chairman Stuker then thanked the Hampton School Board for their fine presentation of their budget.

**Approval of the Minutes of December 9, 2010**

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2010 as amended.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Collins). Motion passed.

Amendment made is as follows:

Page 4, paragraph 2 should read: “**Moved** by Ms. Latimer, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to request that the Budget Committee receive a list of impact fee funds and expiration dates with the budget.”

Chairman Stuker said the next meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room at which time the Town and School District Special Money Articles will be addressed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Lessard **moved**, seconded by Mr. Hansen, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary