

Hopkinton Budget Committee
Town Hall
January 13, 2010
Draft Minutes

Present: Patrice Gerseny – Chair, Danny Coen, Cameron Ford, David Lancaster, Karen Irwin, Bob Carpenter - CVP, George Langwasser – Selectmen, Tom O'Donnell – HVP, David Luneau – School Board

The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

Minutes Review

Review and discussion of the minutes of January 6, 2010. David Lancaster made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Cameron Ford seconded. A vote was taken.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 1 – David Luneau

School Budget Review David Luneau presented.

Invited guests: Steve Chamberlin Superintendent; Michelle Clark, SAU Business Director

Tonight began with a brief outline of what he was going to cover. Tonight is operating budget, next week will be the contracts – HEA and HESS that were ratified by the School Board Monday morning.

Mr. Luneau began his presentation with a power point presentation. The power point bullets were: Operating Budget; HEA contract, HESS contract; General Contingency; Repair and Maintenance Trust; a new proposed fund to include a Vehicle Trust Fund and Health Expendable Fund; Revenues and Expenses. Next he showed a short video of a Middle School Math teacher using an 'Interactive White Board'. Mr. Luneau explained the high school purchased 2 of these white boards with Federal Funds. One is in the High School, the second is in the Middle School.

Danny Coen asked if the teachers that are using the white board still need to create lesson plans or if they just turned it on and used installed programs.

Steve Chamberlin explained that this allows them to use the best of technology along with their own impact.

Mr. Luneau, Mr. Chamberlin and Michelle Clark then began the School Budget review.

- Revenue sources are down \$112,000. The major increases and decreases were covered.

Operating Budget – Presentation was done by Mr. Chamberlin and Ms. Clark.

- During review of general building expenses a few questions were asked: a) concerning the amount of increase for the maintenance of Georges Park is \$6,000. The school pays \$16,500 for half of the maintenance; b) the amount of increase in heat and gasoline was explained by Ms. Clark saying the estimate was conservative.
- Next there were questions and answers during the Instructional Programs review. The Instructional programs are: Regular; Special Education; Vocational and Other Instructional Programs. Guidance Services; Health Services; Psychological, Speech and Physical/Occupational Services; Improvement of Instruction Services and Media & Technology; School Board Services; Office of the Superintendent; Office of the School Principal; Maintenance of Buildings; Pupil Transportation; Debt Service – Food Service; and Other Funds.

David Lancaster asked if there was a cooperative of schools to make a group purchase of the Interactive White Boards.

Steve Chamberlin responded by indicating there currently is not, but that it is a good idea.

The Committee then reviewed the rough draft for warrant articles.

Other Business

Chair Gerseny stated that she has been asked to prepare a note from the Budget Committee to be published in the Town Report.

Contoocook Village Precinct Bob Carpenter presented.

Mr. Carpenter passed out a draft of the precincts MS-37. The operating budget is level funded.

Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Clark
Secretary