

Board Attendees: Tim Dow, Susan Hallett-Cook, Deborah Brown, Marisa Carter

Absent Board Members: Scott Burns, Bill Grimm, Lisa Tremblay, Robin Gargano and Greg Husband

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Richard Towne – FHS Principal; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; and Paul Borsh – Special Education Director

Others: School Board Clerk – Cathy Viau

Call to Order by Superintendent Daniel LeGallo, Chairperson, at 6:17 PM.

(There was not a quorum but the board decided to move forward with reviewing the budget. No decisions will be made.)

DISCUSSION, BUDGET 2016-17

REGULAR EDUCATION 1100

Discussion was held regarding the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement). Clarification was given regarding the steps, percentage of raises, and longevity bonus. Discussion was held regarding the deadline for teachers to notify administration regarding graduate or educational credits which may affect the steps for education. Discussion was held regarding how team leaders are paid, what they are paid for, how much they are paid and whether or not this is part of the CBA. The teachers are in the last of the two year CBA therefore, increases are included. The Support Staff is still in the negotiation process of their CBA so increases are not included for them. There is an increase of 12% to the health plan cost. Discussion was also held regarding the stipend given at the end of the year for those who opted out of the insurance. Discussion was held regarding the increase in teacher retirement, workers compensation (payment amount/number of payments/percentage of increase). Discussion was held regarding the classification of the ELO Coordinator (School to Work) and Behavior Specialist positions.

1100-340 Technical Services needs to be reviewed again as those numbers may not be accurate.

1100-430 Home Ec - There is no cycle plan for stoves, dishwasher, and refrigerator.
 Indust. Ar- Used for sharpening and recalibrating equipment such as the joiner/planer

1100-532 Data Communication – Amanda to on the amounts such as internet, First Light, G4, Metrocast, fire wall, etc. for all three schools. It was stated that Metrocast should be free as we are a municipality.

Discussion was held regarding who tuition reimbursement for staff and Project Match students and travel reimbursement.

Discussion was held regarding the Supplies for General Education, Home Ec, Drama, Science, Reading and Math.

8th Grade Supplies have been added to the High School Supply lines for core academics.

Discussion was held regarding books for Math in High School. An exact number was requested for the breakdown of this line. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing to “Go Math” for 8th Grade. It was also requested to have Virginia Doyle present to discuss the curriculum.

Discussion was held regarding the use of account 1100-642 Electronic Info (software licenses, TI Inspire calculators, KUTA and ALEX licenses).

1100-642-3-0-12 should be reduced from \$8,000 to \$3,000

Discussion was held regarding the New Equip lines for PE, Math, Music, Math, Art, etc.

1100-731-3-0-18 should be reduced from \$10,000 to \$0 – Richard Towne and Amanda Bergquist to research first

Discussion was regarding the high school wanting an ID maker and visual display software for the TVs.

Discussion was held regarding replacement of equipment for Home Ec, Math and Furniture.

SPECIAL EDUCATION 1210, 1211, 1220

Discussion was held regarding the reclassifications of tuition (private, public, court placement and out district). Clarification was given to the changes made for youth transition services and use of Easter Seals and Spaulding. All decisions are based upon providing the least restrictive environment for students.

EXTRA CURRICULAR 1411

It was stated that payments are made for these areas at the end of the year.

ATHLETICS 1420

Discussion was held regarding new uniforms and kudos were given to Danny Sylvester, Athletic Director, for cutting his budget by \$2,400

GUIDANCE 2122; NURSING SERV 2134; PSYCH 2140

Discussion was held regarding Teacher Salary Guidance which includes one social worker. There other social workers are paid through a grant.

Discussion was held regarding Statistical Testing and what this includes.

The Nurses are still under CBA negotiations.

Discussion was held regarding creating an acronym list for the board.

The Behavioralist is one person split between three schools rather than using William White Services.

SPEECH 2152; AUDIOLOGY 2153; OT 2160

2153-610 \$800 is to be explored

INSTR. STAFF TRAINING 2213

Last year this where cuts were made and covered under grants.

****The Library and Audio Visual sections was missing. ****

COMPUTERS 2225

Amanda Bergquist gave an overview of the computer status for each school and need to update computers for daily use and testing compatibility. The vendor CDW-G is used and is very competitive in their rates.

It was stated that any place the word miscellaneous is used it should be changed to supply.

AUDIT 2317; LEGAL 2318; OFC OF SUPER 2321

The audit is a multi-year contract and Amanda is to check the expiration.

Legal has not fully billed yet. If a withdrawal occurs, this may cost a lot of money.

OFC OF PRINCIPALS 2410; OTHER ADM SERV 2490

Discussion was held regarding the tuition reimbursement clause in the administration contract.

The Technical Services lines will need to be reviewed for the proper budgetary amounts as this for the SWIS and MMS Licenses.

2410-550-3 Printing – Prin. Office Hi should be \$5,100 not \$51,000

2410-580 Travel - This is a mandate in the support staff CBA. This is used for travel to the SAU, banking for each school, etc.

The graduation expenses are still pending and won't be expended until closer to the end of the year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS 2610, 2620, 2630, 2640, 2650

Discussion was held regarding the process for fueling district vehicles and buses.

Most repairs and maintenance are done in-house.

Discussion was held regarding plowing past and present.

A specific needs list was requested and a capital improvement plan was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new truck for the district using the present vehicle as a trade in. Discussion was held regarding the use of the State contract for purchasing versus purchasing locally. Amanda and Ralph Downes to look into.

TRANSPORTATION 2721, 2722, 2724, 2725

Discussion was held regarding the current contracts with the bus companies, concerns, and bus routes, lack of communication from the bus company this past year; and the need to request a refund for supplying one less bus than contracted. There is a three year contract with no increase with First Student. Further discussion with company will be had.

OTHER SUPPORT SERV 2900; DEBT SERV 5100

Amanda will be checking on the number of retirees and where. Discussion was held regarding unused sick pay.

There was inquiry regarding the original debt services amount was and the number of years remaining for the bond.

FOOD SERVICES OPERATIONS 3120, 3191

The hiring of food service is based on a standard not regulations. These amounts for employees are level funded as they are still in the negotiation process. There are no capital reserve funds for food service.

Amanda is to find out the fund balance for special education and buildings and grounds.

Some of the proposed increases include a PSS Art Teacher and the change of a part-time Teacher/Assistant Principal to Full time Assistant Principal at PSS.

The Superintendent has not given his recommendations yet.

Many lines have money left over as they have not been fully billed yet.

The Franklin School District audits are caught up.

There is a decrease in revenue for next year: \$100,000 from Hill tuition; Adequacy Aide \$300,000, and negotiation are not completed so the support staff increases are not included.

Several comments were made such as our district is the lowest funded district in the state of NH, we are 29% below the next one about the Franklin School District. There is concerns regarding the interference of the tax cap and the formula used in the City as far as how much of the percentage of the tax dollars goes to the City versus the Schools. Something needs to change and education needs to be funded appropriately and made a priority in Franklin to attract people to come here.

There is a very high youth risk, 43 homeless (that are known) requiring transportation, 60 referrals (so far) in our district.

Discussion was held regarding the process to override the tax cap.

There are also building structural needs such as a new roof at the Middle School (approximately \$290,000).

The next budget work session will be held on May 9th at 6 PM.

Adjournment

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 9:07 PM, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Motion Carried - Unanimous