Budget Session
October 22, 2016
8:00 a.m.
SHS TV Studio

MINUTES

Present:
Mrs. Pamela Berry, Chair
Mr. Bernard Campbell, Vice Chairman
Mr. Peter Morgan, Secretary
Mr. Michael Carney, Jr, Member
Mrs. Patricia Corbett, Member

Also Present:
Dr. Michael Delahanty, Ed. D., Superintendent
Mrs. Maura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Deborah Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations
Mrs. Diana Darnstaedt, Director of Finance
Mr. David Hasbany, Director of IT
Mr. Jack Messenheimer, Director of Maintenance

Mrs. Berry called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

Executive Budget Presentation

Dr. Delahanty presented his Executive Budget for 2017-2018 with a brief statement on the proposed budget's bond impact stating that the 2017-2018 tax impact would be the highest at about $350 and that the bond impact would decrease in subsequent years. He then proceeded to relate proposed budget items to adopted school board goals. The overhead slides will be posted on the district website for viewing by the general public.

Significant budget cost increases were discussed. Significant increases totaling $2,097,960 were noted in health insurance, retirement, transportation, tuition-other, electricity, and principal and interest on bond debt used to finance school renovation projects. Significant cost decreases totaling $19,939 were noted in pupil services, construction services and tuition to private sources.

Dr. Delahanty reviewed comparative demographic and financial data between Salem and other similar districts in southeast New Hampshire. The data shows that Salem compares favorably with other districts.

After discussion of his proposed Executive Budget, Dr. Delahanty and the administrative staff responded to questions from the board. There was extensive discussion on preschool programs.

Mr. Hasbany discussed planned IT projects and responded to questions from the board.

The board recessed at 10:07 and resumed at 10:16.
Mr. Messenheimer explained planned capital improvements planned for the 2017-2018 year and responded to questions from the board.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Carney and seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0

The board adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Peter A. Morgan
Secretary, Salem School Board
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