SALEM SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #57
38 Geremonty Drive
SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03079

Budget Review Meeting
October 29, 2018
7:00 p.m. SIIS TV Studio

MINUTES

Present:
Dr. Patricia Corbett, Chairman
Mrs. Pamela Berry, Secretary
Mr. Bernard Campbell, Member

Absent:
Mr. Peter Morgan, Member

Also Present:
Dr. Michael Delahanty, Ed. D., Superintendent
Mrs. Maura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent for Academics and Support
Mrs. Deborah Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations
Mrs. Darlene Mann, Director of Finance

Dr. Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by introduction of the attendees.

Mr. Carney arrived at 7:10 p.m.

BUDGET REVIEW

I. Budget Review

The Superintendent noted the Board was provided with the following:

- I.a. illustrates changes to date with no other adjustments
- I.b. reflects the tax impact of removing two of the proposed positions; the Literacy Specialist and STEM integrator
- I.c. reflects two personnel reductions and a $900,000 increase in the 450 line
- I.d. bond warrant article scenarios and tax impact of each
- I.e. tax impact of different values for construction services line and estimated impact for labor agreements

These worksheets were designed to address outstanding issues as a result of previous discussions some of which are new positions which were requested under new programs in the 150 line and the 450 line construction services. The Superintendent summarized.
Dr. Delahanty clarified the change in the amount for the Woodbury project per Mr. Campbell’s request. He also explained a document the Board which gave scenarios for bonding the Grant Field Project. He further explained the tax impact.

Mr. Campbell addressed the potential labor cost impact on the budget. Mrs. Berry noted she was not in favor of removing the facilities audit for the SAU Office, but agreed with cutting back on additional air conditioners, as well as landscaping one school at a time. The Superintendent noted there were funds in the Fisk and Soule construction budget for landscaping.

Mr. Campbell supported adding the position for the Strings teacher. There was discussion about the 450 line and how to move forward with the track. Mr. Carney asked the Board to determine what tax increase they were comfortable with. Mrs. Berry stated she would like to bond the track, and keep the SAU facilities audit and the air conditioners in the 450 line. Dr. Corbett agreed on bonding the track. Mr. Carney agreed with Mrs. Berry that doing the track piecemeal would be more expensive.

Mr. Campbell summarized by saying there would need to be a warrant article to sell the land in North Salem and a bond article for the track, contingent on selling the land, with a two year non-lapsing appropriation.

The Board agreed, 4-0, to bond the track, support one new position (Strings Teacher), and add the SAU facilities audit and the air conditioners in the budget proposal.

Mr. Campbell noted the Budget Committee will begin the town budget review on Thursday, November 1. Mr. Campbell will be in attendance.

Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adjourn.

Motion carried 4-0

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lucille Ramsey
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
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