

North Hampton School Board - Budget Review Work Session (Thursday, October 31, 2019)

Generated by Rhonda Evans on Saturday, November 2, 2019

Approved by the Board - November 7, 2019

Members present

Gregg Duffy, James Sununu, Thomas von Jess
Erin Stanton arrived at 8:06 a.m.

Administration present

Bill Lupini; Superintendent, David Hobbs; Assistant Superintendent, Matt Ferreira; Business Administrator, Nancy Tuttle; Finance Manager, Susan Snyder; Principal, Tracy Griffenhagen; Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services, Becca Carlson; Curriculum Coordinator

Absent

Scott Baker

Meeting called to order at 8:04 AM

1. Call to Order

Procedural: A. Call to Order

3. Previously Reviewed

Information: A. **2020-2021 Budget Overview**

Matt Ferreira noted that per the Board vote at the October 25th meeting the 3% COLA increase has been added to the appropriate pages in the budget. (pages 15, 17, 21, 52, 55, 73, 95, 96, 104, 105, 152 and 153).

4. Review of 2020-2021 Budget Worksheets - Continued

Information: A. **Special Education - Account #4120012**

Erin Stanton arrived at 8:06 a.m.

Discussion: B. **Health - Account #4213044**

It was noted that step increases and additional education also factor in to salary increases.

Discussion: C. **Speech Services - Account #4215012**

Discussion: D. **Improvement of Instruction - Account #4221009**

Discussion involved the Curriculum Coordinator position and how it has evolved from the Board's initial expectation 2 years ago.

Discussion: E. **Educational Media - Account #4222042**

Discussion: F. **Technology - Account #4222522**

Discussion included the adding of more computes but decreasing the maintenance due to newer equipment and available warranties.

It was also noted that the 3-year technology plan is on schedule with replacements. The plan is also being reviewed to update the infrastructure.

Discussion: G. **Board of Education - Account #4231000**

Discussion: H. **SAU Services - Account #4232000**

Discussion: I. **School Administration - Account #4241031**

Discussion: J. **Buildings - Account #4262026**

It was noted that the transition is underway to move the head custodian into the Facilities Manager position and to end the contracted service.

This is the 3rd year of the Library Learning commons plan/update.

Discussion: K. **Grounds - Account #4263026**

Plowing duties are done in-house. A contract is in place to supplement when snow exceeds a certain measurable amount.

Discussion: L. **Vehicles - Account #4265026**

Discussion: M. **Transportation - Account #42720**

Additional costs have been incorporated into the amount due to the changes in field trip transportation.

Discussion: N. **Debt Service - Account #4511000**

Discussion: O. **Employee Benefits - Account #4290000**

A lower GMR was received for the 2020-2021 budget year's health insurance. Also reflected is the reduction of a higher cost plan that will no longer be available.

The Board recessed at 8:58 a.m. for the North Hampton School costume parade.

The Board resumed the work session at 9:07 a.m.

Discussion: P. **Interfund Transfer - Account #4522100**

Discussion: Q. **General Fund**

Discussion: R. **Food Service - Account #4312030**

Action, Discussion: S. **Total Operating Budget**

The Board completed the review of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget.

Motion to approve the Total Operating Budget in the amount of \$9,275,450.

Motion by James Sununu, second by Erin Stanton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Erin Stanton, Gregg Duffy, James Sununu, Thomas von Jess

5. **Warrant Articles**

Information: A. **Overview of FY 2020-2021 Warrant Articles**

Discussion: B. **Warrant Article - SESPA Negotiations**

The amount for this warrant article is not available at this time as negotiations are still underway.

Discussion: C. **Warrant Article - Long Term Maintenance**

Action, Discussion: D. **Warrant Article - Special Education Expendable Trust Fund**

Action, Discussion: E. **Warrant Article - Healthcare Expendable Trust Fund**

This fund is at the target amount. No anticipated withdrawals this year. The administration recommends not to fund. The Board agreed to not place this warrant article on the ballot.

Action, Discussion: F. **Warrant Article - Technology Expendable Trust Fund**

Discussion was held around the need for this fund and its purpose when established. No unexpected expenditures have occurred in the past 6 years. Original intent was to help offset high costs during replacement cycles.

Tom von Jess excused himself from the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

"Unexpected" needs are no longer an issue as there is now a plan in place to anticipate these needs. It was decided to wait until the current Tech Plan has completed its review and to utilize that for placing a Warrant Article on the ballot for the following year.

It was determined that there is no need for the work session on November 5th. The Budget can revisit the budget at the November 7th regular meeting if needed.

There was a discussion on school trips. The Principal shared that the school administration has been working collaboratively with the mid-level grade team to develop plans for extended trips that are not only tied to but enhance the curriculum. The plans are not fully finalized at this time.

8. **Adjourn**

Action: A. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the work session at 9:43 a.m.

Motion by Erin Stanton, second by James Sununu.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Erin Stanton, Gregg Duffy, James Sununu