

To be approved at the December 20, 2017 regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

A special meeting of the School Board of the Rye School District was held at Rye Junior High School on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5:15p.m to finalize the proposed 2018-2019 RSD operating budget.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Kevin Brandon, Scott Marion, Jeanne Moynahan, Paula Tsetsilas

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent; Amy Ransom, Assistant Business Administrator;

Suzanne Lull, Principal, Rye Elementary

Residents/Rye Parents: Peter Crawford, Matt Curtin

NOT PRESENT:

School Board Member: Margaret Honda

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Marion, School Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m., and turned it over to the Assistant Business Administrator to present changes made to the original, proposed budget.

ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Amy Ransom highlighted the changes she made as directed at the full-day working session on November 16, 2017. Specifically, she:

- Changed the raises provided to each principal's from 2.75 to 3.0%.
- Added \$20,000 for contracted tech services using Newington fees as a guideline and returned technology support staffing to original levels.
- Removed line item for "preschool tuition to other LEA."
- Increased professional growth budgets to \$25,000 at RES and \$15,000 at RJH:
 - RJH-science curriculum alignment; social studies and cross curriculum planning.
 - RES-whole school initiatives; working competencies into Schoology.
 - Both schools - Summer Project-based Learning initiatives.

Overall, these changes resulted in a proposed budget of \$14,084,417.

Paula Tsetsilas asked if \$3,500 for School Board public outreach had been added to the budget as she recalled. Mr. Brandon responded that his recollection was that it was not added because the scope had not yet been defined. Dr. Marion suggested using unreserved fund balance and completing public outreach projects by year-end.

There was discussion if warrant articles had to be voted upon at this meeting. It was determined that they did not, and that other warrant articles will be discussed at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on December 20, 2017.

Mr. Brandon suggested that Administration updates the Board quarterly on the quality and response of contracted technology services. He suggested the vendor provide reports of trouble tickets for analysis.

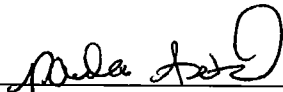
Mr. Brandon made motion to approve the 2018-2019 RSD budget as amended. Seconded by Jeanne Moynahan. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Crawford, 171 Brackett Road, believes the census is very important and that a line item should be included in the budget. Scott Marion acknowledged the comment but suggested that a census is only one methodology and others need to be explored, and that the efficacy of a census needs to be properly vetted.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Brandon. Seconded by Ms. Moynahan. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Tsetsilas