

**Hampton School Board Budget Worksession  
November 13, 2017  
SAU Conference Room**

**Minutes**

Present: Chair Les Shepard, Vice Chair Andrea Shepard, Virginia Bridle, Peppa Ring, Frank DeLuca

Also present: Kathleen Murphy – Superintendent, Nathan Lunney – Business Administrator, Jessica Parsons – Director of Pupil Services, John Judson – Media Coordinator (filming)

Chair L. Shepard called the work session to order at 4:30 pm. The work session was recorded and will air on local cable television. All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board began with a brief review of the changes made at their first budget work session on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lunney handed out replacement pages for the budget books. These pages reflect the modifications supported by the board previously.

The Board returned to consideration of the proposed budget beginning with 1100 Regular Education.

The proposed budget included the shift of a half-time position at Centre School and a paraprofessional Math Tutor position into a new teaching position focused on Gifted Mathematics. The Superintendent described the proposal and the Board discussed it.

Motion by L. Shepard, seconded by A. Shepard, to not accept the Gifted Mathematics proposal. The motion failed 2-3 (G. Bridle/P. Ring/F. DeLuca).

There was further discussion by the Board. There was consensus that the program proposed had merit but that this was not the right budget cycle to be proposing new programming.

Motion by A. Shepard, seconded by F. DeLuca, to support enrichment targeting Mathematics by repurposing funds within the current slate of resources and revisit next year. The motion passed 5-0.

Motion by P. Ring, seconded by A. Shepard, to accept the 1100 Regular Education section as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board moved on to the 1400 series Extra-Curricular section of the budget. The Board discussed the financial support budgeted for the Grade 8 New York City trip. Given plans to replace the trip with three day-trips next year, the Board considered reducing the budgeted contribution.

Motion by A. Shepard, seconded by P. Ring, to reduce the Board contribution to Grade 8 trips by \$2,500 from \$7,500 to \$5,000. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board discussed stipends and teacher compensation related to overnight trips. There was consensus on the Board to reconsider that matter the next night.

The Board moved to the 2120 series Guidance Services section of the budget.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by P. Ring, to accept the 2120 Guidance Services function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Motion by G. Bridle, seconded by A. Shepard, to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss a personnel matter. By a roll call, the Board voted 5-0 and entered non-public at 5:37pm. The Board opted to partake in dinner during the non-public session.

No action was taken; no decisions were made. On a motion by A. Shepard, seconded by P. Ring, the Board returned to public session by a vote of 5-0 at 6:07pm.

The Board moved to the 2130 series Health Services section of the budget. The Board reviewed the work of the LPN at Marston School. No additional staffing was requested.

Motion by A. Shepard, seconded by F. DeLuca, to accept the 2130 Health Services function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board advanced to the 2210 series Improvement of Instruction section of the budget. Superintendent Murphy updated the Board on the curriculum review cycle and plans for 2018-19.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by A. Shepard, to accept the 2210 Improvement of Instruction function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board continued on the 2220 series Educational Media. There was a proposed increase in books and printed materials for the school libraries.

Motion by A. Shepard, seconded by P. Ring, to accept the 2220 Educational Media function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Next the Board reviewed the 2224 series Educational Television section of the budget. Mr. Lunney reminded the Board that this function is offset by revenues from the Cable Franchise Fees upon approval each year by the Board of Selectmen. As a result, there is no tax impact from this section.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by G. Bridle, to accept the 2224 Educational Television function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed the 2225 series Technology section of the budget. The Board considered the ongoing leasing schedule for Chromebooks in the District's 1-to-1 initiative. Mr. Lunney noted the increase in repair costs reflecting the increased number of devices in use. There was discussion of the software solutions in use in the schools.

Motion by P. Ring, seconded by A. Shepard, to accept the 2225 Technology function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board next reviewed the 2620 series Buildings section of the budget. The proposed budget included an increase in Property & Liability coverage costs and a reduction in energy costs.

Motion by A. Shepard, seconded by F. DeLuca, to accept the 2620 Buildings function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed the 2635 series Grounds and Vehicles section of the budget.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by P. Ring, to accept the 2635 Grounds and Vehicles functions as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board moved to the 2900 series Benefits section of the budget. The Board was excited to learn that the guaranteed maximum rate on health for 2018-19 was a reduction of 2.2%, contributing to a budget decrease of more than \$140,000. That was on top of the actual reduction of 4.6% in the previous year. Dental rates were set to increase by 2.3%.

Motion by A. Shepard, seconded by P. Ring, to accept the 2900 Benefits function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board next considered the 5100 series Debt Service section of the budget. Mr. Lunney reviewed the impact of the new Hampton Academy project bond principal and interest. The current budget included the first \$570,360 of interest cost. The proposed 2018-19 budget included the remaining roughly \$930,000 in principal and interest that was discussed last year during the debate over the project. The Centre School 1999 bond will be paid off in August 2018.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by G. Bridle, to accept the 5100 Debt Service function as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Food Service pro-forma that will be included as part of the gross appropriations in the 2018-19 proposed budget.

The Board reviewed materials provided concerning the proposed 2.5% salaries/wages increase in the budget. The Board considered recent releases of the Consumer Price Index as they have in the past. There was consensus that the proposed salaries and wages should remain as presented.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by G. Bridle, to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss a personnel matter. By a roll call, the Board voted 5-0 and entered non-public at 7:30pm.

No action was taken; no decisions were made. On a motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by P. Ring, the Board returned to public session by a vote of 5-0 at 7:39pm.

The Board agreed that Mr. Lunney should clean up the budget materials to reflect changes to date and the Board would consider the final package during the regular meeting on the following night.

Motion by F. DeLuca, seconded by P. Ring, to adjourn was voted unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.