

APPROVED MINUTES AS SUBMITTED ON 11/23/2021

Municipal Budget Committee
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
October 19, 2021

I. Call to Order	Richard Anderson , MBC Chair at 6:33 pm
II. Pledge of Allegiance	
III. Roll Call	<p>Present: Richard Anderson – New London Robert Hemenway – Newbury Brian Dumais – New London Robert DeFelice – Sutton Michelle Kendrick – Warner (Virtual- No vote) David Bates - Warner James Bibbo – Bradford (Virtual 7:15pm – No vote) Tom Schamberg- Wilmot Luke Gorman – Springfield Winfried Feneberg – Superintendent Michael Bessette – Assistant Superintendent Larry LeBoeuf – Business Administrator Ben Cushing – School Board Rep.</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. Shamberg made the motion to approve the minutes of 10-12-21. Seconded by Mr. Dumais. Mr. DeFelice opposed the motion. Mr. Anderson motioned to postpone vote until next meeting for an amended version of 10-12-21 minutes. All in favor.</i>
V. Public Comment	Ms. Mastin and Ms. Casey both School Board Representatives, were presented and added to discussion when it was pertinent.
VI. New Business	<p><i>Presentations:</i> The MBC members followed along with the presentations, individual Budget Books were provided.</p> <p>Facilities – Mr. Todd Fleury, Director of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each item discussed was described by line number with an explanation of increase or decrease. • Over all 246K reduction. • Cuts in contracted services, PPE supplies, electricity. • Smaller projects have been competed over the last several years. • Trash removal reduction based on the number of pick-ups. • Snow removal unchanged, close to actual. • Discussion about propane/ heating oil. • Discussion about staff morale. • Discussion about a plan for improvement jobs throughout the district, this is always a moving target. • Discussion about rebates from Ever Source. • Please email staff, MBC appreciates all of their efforts especially during the height of this pandemic. <p>Technology–Ms. Barbra Turner, Director of Technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each item discussed was described by line number with an explanation of increase or decrease. • Over all up by 96K, contracted services. • Increase in software purchases during covid. • Increase in IT support tickets, Aug – Oct 3k requests, requiring the 1/2 time technician to stay on.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IT demands in the modern setting dramatically increased.• Seeing supply issues for laptop orders.• There is a 4yr staggered replacement plan for district chrome books• Discussion about staff morale.• Offered PD on software over the summer to all the teachers, teachers are embracing the additional technology.• Please email staff, MBC appreciates all of their efforts especially during the height of this pandemic. <p>Special Education –Mr. Larry Elliott, Director of Special Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each item discussed was described by line number with an explanation of increase or decrease.• Number of Special Education students has increase by 12.3%• Explanation of step wages for increases.• Discussion about SPED staff vacancies.• IEP legal obligations are being met with in-house coverage.• Emotional/Social needs are increasing.• Dedicated staff working hard.• Propane buses are working well, too early to tell cost with fuel prices fluctuating.• <p>Food Service –Mr. Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each item discussed was described by line number with an explanation of increase or decrease.• Using the same Food Service, Fresh Picks since 2012.• Fresh Picks is short staffed by at least 5 people. <p>SAU- Mr. Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each item discussed was described by line number with an explanation of increase or decrease.• SAU budget up 3.5 %• Operating budget down 7K <p>Revenues Ins/Outs – Mr. Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each item discussed was described by line number with an explanation of increase or decrease.• SPED aid has dropped, less reimbursement equals less students out of district• Discussion of local tax rates. <p>STEAM Wing – Mr. Winfred Feneberg, Supt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power Point Presentation• STEAM project will most likely will be on the Warrant Article as a bond request.• Submitted a proposal for building aide.• Fundraising, possible sponsorships of local companies.• Goal is March, hoping for the support of the MBC.• Timeline- vote Spring 22’ - began project summer 23’ - finish project summer 24’• Discussion of current bonds, timelines and schedules.
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	<i>Other Business as required :</i> None <i>Non Public 91-A:34:</i> None
VII. Old Business	None
IX. Adjourn	<i>Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Schamberg. Seconded by Mr. Dumais, Motion carried. 7/0/0 Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm</i>

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Kershaw
MBC Clerk