

Merrimack School District Budget Committee  
Minutes  
February 8, 2022

Present: S. Adler, S. Albuquerque, D. Coakley, G. Groff, C. Lang (by phone), C. Mower, M. Murphy, N. Schoenfeld, G. Savitch, E. Wilson and School Board liaison L. Peters

Absent: L. French and B. Stisser

Also Present: Interim Chief Educational Officer B. Olsen, Business Administrator M. Shevenell, Assistant Superintendent K. Yarlott and School District Clerk P. Heinrich

C. Mower called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Mower told the Committee that C. Lang was attending the meeting via speakerphone and as a result, any vote taken during the meeting would be a roll call vote. C. Lang told the Committee she was in Satellite Beach, Florida and there was no one in the room with her.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

L. Peters made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022. Second: M. Murphy. No corrections were suggested. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED: 10 – 0 – 1 (S. Adler abstaining.)

**Petitioned Warrant Article Review**

P. Heinrich told the Committee that no petitioned warrant articles were received.

**Member Comments**

C. Mower asked if any member had any comments to make before the Committee recessed until the Public Hearing. No one did.

**Recess**

C. Mower recessed the meeting at 7:08 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:46 PM.

**Final Actions and Recommendations**

C. Mower asked if any members had any other alterations to the Operating Budget they wished to propose. No one did. C. Mower mentioned that the proposed Operating Budget is only about \$200,000 larger than the Default budget.

C. Mower made a MOTION to recommend an Operating Budget of \$83,439,166. Second: S. Adler. A Roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED: 11 – 0 – 0.

C. Lang asked for a clarification about the vote total. It was confirmed as 11 – 0 – 0.

**Other**  
**MS-27**

M. Shevenell told the Committee the MS-27 would be ready by Monday, February 14th for the Committee to sign at the Superintendent's Offices.

C. Mower said the Committee would be notified as soon as the form is ready for signatures and that a majority of the Budget Committee needs to sign the form.

**Filing Period**

C. Mower reminded members that Filing Period starts Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.

**Deliberative Session**

C. Mower reminded members that Deliberative Session will be held Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. He said the next meeting of the Committee would be immediately after Deliberative Session.

C. Mower thanked the School Administration for their help during budget preparations and asked if any member had any final comments. No one did.

C. Lang left the meeting at this time.

E. Wilson made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Albuquerque. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

C. Mower adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich

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