



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of January 21, 2010

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Chairman Chris Hyde at 6:05 PM.

Members present: Chris Hyde, Chairman; Mike Harris, Vice Chairman; Bill Beauregard, School Board Representative; Tom Jambard, Bob Labednick, Raymond Valle

Also present: Rich Manley, Hollis School Board; Susan Benz, Hollis School Board; Candi Fowler, HUES Principal; Mark McLaughlin, Business Administrator; Susan Hodgdon, Superintendent; Chris Siegfried, Dir. of Facilities; Ruth Tuttle, HPS Assist. Principal; Jim McCann, Hollis School Board Chairman; Robb Mann, Hollis School Board; Robert Kelly, Director of Special Education

-Discussion of upcoming meetings.

Town - public hearing: 2/9/10
School – public hearing: 2/10/10

-Introductions.

School board budget discussion: (Bill Beauregard)

1. Changes in budget-

\$135,165 under guidance at this time, n/i the Collective Bargaining Agreement or needs list. Does include elimination of three teaching positions at \$40K each, and the retirement allowance of \$15K for three positions (totaling \$45K) has been taken out.

Discussion mainly centered around clarification of specific details on each line item of the proposed budget.

2. Needs list-

- Category 5 maintenance position (from a category 1 or 2) - create full-time position from two part-time positions, cost to the district goes from \$17K to \$25K per year. Expected final ball-park cost to the district ~ \$65K. Bob asked why not keep two 20 hour/week positions to avoid benefits. Still under discussion – no decision made either way.

- Laptops for classroom teachers (\$600 to \$700 per). Ray asked why not use \$200 netbooks? Still under discussion.

- Building repairs - electronic door swipes. Could move the cost for this to expendable trust fund line.

- Blackberries – for superintendent and director of maintenance. There are alternatives - to be discussed.

3. Expendable Trust Fund

Capital Improvements Plan-

- Discussed shifting around some of the items to be funded between FY11 and FY12, and putting off some expenditures until FY12.

- Energy management system: outdated and not working properly.

- Roofing could be accelerated to this summer.

4. Quotes for repairs at HUES

- \$247K has already been spent, was not budgeted for. However, the hope is that there will be sufficient funds in contingency and other unexpended line items to cover these costs.

- Four RFPs went out for completion of the mold remediation/prevention project, three bids have been received.

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- Estimates coming in around \$580K, still under review. Each contractor offered a significantly different approach to resolving the problem/preventing future problems. Question was raised as to whether the work will be bonded for a specific period of time.
- Discussion of whether to bond (possibly a five year bond), or pay as a one-year budget item.
- Hold off on committing to the other projects in the capital improvement plan (energy improvements, etc) until closer to the end of the budget year, in case the contingency is needed for emergency coverage.

Chris suggested reducing the operating budgets to help compensate for the anticipated capital expenses of HUES and Town Hall repairs.

Deferred minutes of 12-17-09 meeting until Tuesday

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Harris, seconded by R. Valle. Meeting adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kowalski, Tax Collector