



BUDGET COMMITTEE
Town of Hollis
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Minutes of December 17, 2009

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Michael Harris at 6:15 PM.

Members present: Mike Harris, Vice Chairman; Bill Beauregard, School Board Representative, Tom Jambard, Bob Labednick, Frank Whittemore

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; Robb Mann, Hollis School Board

-Discussion of upcoming meetings.

-Introductions.

School board budget discussion: (Bill Beauregard)

Review of handouts-

- Enrollment projections declining
- Propose to reduce grade 3 by one section
- Propose to reduce grade 5 by two sections
- Guidance Formula – under budget guidance at this time; collective bargaining is not finalized
- Benefits costs up significantly
- Decrease in contingency line (\$110,000)
- Fuel and electrical costs up, final fuel numbers available by March meetings
- Needs list: Maintenance - new 30 hr/wk position
 - Teacher laptops
 - Language - online subscription (Rosetta Stone)
 - Blackberries (2)
 - Magnetic door swipes
 - Tools
 - Blackboard subscription

-Mold mitigation (\$209,400 spent out of operations budget so far) – This cost, plus future mold prevention costs, may be paid via bond; magnitude of cost not determined at this time.

-Discussion of plan B and/or C in the event that warrant articles get voted down, or if we don't get state building aid. Depends on timing of collective bargaining agreement.

-Collective bargaining agreement still progressing.

12-8-09 Minutes - Motion to accept by T. Jambard, F. Whittemore 2nd. Approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by T. Jambard, seconded by B. Labednick. Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kowalski, Tax Collector

