

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION
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The Gilford School Board held a budget work session on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the Gilford SAU office. Present were board members Gretchen Gandini, Chris McDonough, and Karen Thurston. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler, Danielle Bolduc, Brenda McGee, Scott Isabelle, Peter Sawyer, Sean Walsh and Steve Tucker.

OPENING

School Board Vice Chairperson Chris McDonough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and confirmed posting of the meeting.

WORK SESSION

Superintendent Beitler addressed memos answering questions from the October 23rd work session. Memos addressed FTEs at Gilford High School, proposed psychological services and estimate for the Gilford High School gym floor.

Superintendent Beitler informed the Board that he and Scott Isabelle had talked with Laconia and they did not have the Huot cost or state reimbursement numbers but we would be comfortable reducing Huot tuition by \$10,000.

Superintendent Beitler informed the Board that Technology Director, Brenda McGee, had received confirmation that we meet the Emergency 911 safety standing and we could reduce \$15,000 from phones; \$8,000 at GHS and \$7,000 at GMS.

On a motion by Chris McDonough and a second by Gretchen Gandini, the Board voted unanimously to reduce Huot tuition by \$10,000. The motion was approved 3-0.

On a motion by Chris McDonough and a second by Gretchen Gandini, the Board voted unanimously to reduce the phones by \$15,000 (\$8,000 at GHS and \$7,000 at GMS). The motion was approved 3-0.

The Elementary Budget was presented by Danielle Bolduc. Discussion ensued regarding the budget.

At 5:45 p.m. Sue Allen joined the meeting.

The Middle School Budget was presented by Peter Sawyer. Discussion ensued regarding the budget.

The Technology Budget was presented by Brenda McGee. Discussion ensued regarding the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION
RSA 91-A:3 II**

At 7:05 p.m., Karen Thurston motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Sue Allen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**RE-ENTER PUBLIC
WORK SESSION**

Present: Karen Thurston, Chris McDonough, Rae Mello-Andrews, Gretchen Gandini, Sue Allen, Kirk Beitler, Peter Sawyer, Sean Walsh and Scott Isabelle.

Sue Allen moved to place middle school Robotics and middle school Theater Director in the middle school student activities with a \$1400 stipend for Robotics and two \$700 stipends for both fall and spring for the Theater Director positions. The motion was seconded by Gretchen

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Gandini which passed on a 4-0 vote with Rae Mello-Andrews abstaining.

Sue Allen motioned to reduce the middle school assistant teacher position from the budget. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston which passed with a 4-0 vote with Rae Mello-Andrews abstaining.

Gretchen Gandini moved to reduce the Meadows electricity by \$500. The motion was seconded by Rae-Mello-Andrews which passed unanimously.

Superintendent Beitler reviewed questions to be answered and asked if any other information was needed for the meeting on Monday, October 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m., Sue Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gretchen Gandini
School Board Secretary**