

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
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**The Gilford School Board held a meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Gilford SAU Office. Present were board members Rae Mello-Andrews, Sue Allen, Gretchen Gandini, Chris McDonough, and Karen Thurston. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler, Scott Isabelle, Danielle Bolduc, Peter Sawyer, Anthony Sperazzo, Esther Kennedy, Brenda McGee, Jonathan Dupuis. Also present was Ken Mulleavey.**

**OPENING** School Board Chair Rae Mello-Andrews called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and confirmed posting of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** No public comment was offered.

**FOOD SERVICE BUDGET** The Food Service Budget was presented. Discussion ensued regarding the budget. A proposal to increase meals by \$0.25 was discussed. This proposal came forward due to the reduction in free and reduced lunch and the number of meals being served.

Sue Allen motioned not to increase cost of lunch and put \$15,000 in general fund to cover food service short fall. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston. The motion failed with a 2 – 3 vote.

Sue Allen motioned to not increase the cost of lunch at the schools. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston. The motion passed with a 3 – 2 vote.

Sue Allen motioned to put \$15,000 in general fund to cover food service short fall. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston. The motion failed with a 2 – 3 vote.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET** The General Fund Budget was presented. Discussion ensued on the budget.

Chris McDonough motioned to fund professional dues at actual cost of dues. The motion was seconded by Sue Allen and passed with a 5 – 0 vote. Discussion continued.

Sue Allen motioned to eliminate the support staff step system and correct current salaries. Discussion ensued resulting in Sue Allen withdrawing the motion.

A committee to review support staff pay, categories, evaluation and a merit system was formed including Rae Mello-Andrews, Chris McDonough, Peter Sawyer, Esther Kennedy and Scott Isabelle.

A market analysis around the Lakes Region on support staff salary, evaluation and merit system was also discussed.

Discussion on the General Fund continued.

Chris McDonough motioned to decrease the dental percentage increase from 15% to 7.5%. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Discussion ensued on memos.

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Karen Thurston motioned to use \$2.06, replacing the \$2.50, per gallon price for heating oil. Sue Allen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Chris McDonough motioned to use \$2970.00 for elementary library blinds, replacing the \$10,000 currently in the budget. Sue Allen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Karen Thurston motioned to level fund the middle school boys' professional service line at \$9,094.00. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Sue Allen motion to do regular maintenance of the high school gym floor for \$5,800.00. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and failed with a 1 – 4 vote.

Chris McDonough motioned to repaint the logo and lines as well as redo the gym floor and clean and paint the gym ceiling for \$84,000.00. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

At 11:05 a.m. Chris McDonough left the meeting.

Sue Allen motioned to start negotiations with First Student and increase transportation in the budget to 20%. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a 4 – 0 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:20 a.m., Karen Thurston made the motion to enter non-public session pursuant to provisions of RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Sue Allen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Gretchen Gandini  
School Board Secretary**