

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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The Gilford School Board held a budget work session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at the Gilford SAU office. Present were board members Gretchen Gandini, Rae Mello-Andrews, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston and Chris McDonough. Representing Gilmanton were Adam Mini, Michelle Heyman and Frank Weeks. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler, Danielle Bolduc, Scott Isabelle, Peter Sawyer, Anthony Sperazzo, Steve Tucker, Esther Kennedy, Tim Goggin, Brenda McGee and Tim Bartlett.

OPENING School Board Chairperson Rae Mello-Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and confirmed posting of the meeting at SAU, schools and website.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment was offered.

BUDGET REVIEW Scott Isabelle reviewed budget transfers. Discussion ensued. Chris McDonough moved to approve the budget transfers, which was seconded by Karen Thurston. The motion carried on a 5-0-2 vote with Adam Mini and Frank Weeks abstaining from the vote.

Superintendent Beitler brought to the Board's attention an updated proposed budget summary page. This page reflects the reconciliation of track changes. There was a budget adjustment to the General Fund – a savings of \$29,312.

Superintendent Beitler presented a budget overview including proposed warrant articles. The World Language warrant article will be presented on Tuesday.

Following the Superintendent's overview presentation, Superintendent Beitler handed to the Board a spreadsheet of possible reductions to achieve a 1% budget increase and another spreadsheet to achieve a level funded budget.

High School Principal Anthony Sperazzo presented his budget.

- Discussion ensued. Gretchen Gandini moved to eliminate a \$75 increase in the sign language stipend. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos and passed on a 7-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce the high school new equipment line \$19,478. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed with a 7-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce high school c/s instruction equipment \$29,735. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos. Discussion ensued and the motion was rescinded.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce the high school replacement equipment \$5,399. The motion was seconded by Adam Mini and passed on a 7-0 vote.
- Rae Mello-Andrews requested to split the curriculum coordinator out across all 3 schools.

Tim Bartlett presented the Buildings & Grounds Budget.

- Chris McDonough moved to remove high school auditorium lighting project and HS/MS track resurfacing from the budget and make separate warrant articles and include both phases of the auditorium lighting project \$194,338. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini. After discussion, the motion passed on a 7-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce painting at the Meadows by \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed with a 7-0 vote.

Esther Kennedy presented the HS Special Education Budget.

The District Wide Budgets were presented and discussed.

- Did the Budget Committee take out NHSBA?
- Report on busing.

Brenda McGee presented the Technology Budget.

- Discussion ensued. In light of ADA requirements and data security, what work can be put off? The question of VM vs. hard drive storage was discussed.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce district wide computer replacement equipment by \$11,900. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and Chris McDonough amended his motion to a reduction of \$10,900. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed with a 7-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough moved to reduce HS computer replacement equipment \$11,700. The motion was seconded by Adam Mini and passed with a 7-0 vote.

The middle school and elementary school budgets will be reviewed on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

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

At 10:55 p.m., Chris McDonough made the motion to enter non-public session pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Karen Thurston seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION At 11:10 p.m., the board re-entered public session.

ADJOURN At 11:12 p.m., on a motion by Chris McDonough and second by Karen Thurston, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gretchen Gandini
School Board Secretary**