

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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The Gilford School Board held a budget work session on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Gilford SAU office. Present were board members Gretchen Gandini, Rae Mello-Andrews, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston and Chris McDonough. Present were Kirk Beitler, Danielle Bolduc, Scott Isabelle, Peter Sawyer, Anthony Sperazzo, Steve Tucker, Esther Kennedy, 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 Superintendent Beitler shared handouts with the Board. First a list of reductions that the Board had from the October 22nd budget work session and two CIP items placed on warrant articles. The second, a memo from Business Administrator Scott Isabelle regarding the secretary position cost with a total proposal of \$22,655. The third was a memo from High School Principal Anthony Sperazzo outlining the Winnisquam Agriculture Program numbers over nine years, the last time the Art Dept. purchased a pottery wheel and the number of clubs (co-curricular) activities running at GHS this year.

- Chris McDonough motioned to remove health/dental/benefits from part-time secretary, a reduction of \$9,861. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion with passed with a 5-0 vote.

Esther Kennedy presented and reviewed the Special Education Budget.

- Chris McDonough moved to approve the Special Education Budget as presented, \$3,339,836. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed on a 5-0 vote.

Brenda McGee presented the Technology Budget.

- Chris McDonough moved to reduce middle school computer replacement by \$15,700. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough moved to approve the Technology Budget of \$457,910. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed on a 5-0 vote.

Tim Bartlett presented the Building & Grounds Budget.

- Conversation to move elementary painting and stair chair out of C/S special projects.
- Discussion on middle school carpet, repairs and maintenance.
- Chris moved to reduce C/S special projects (middle school) shed painting by \$1,000. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough moved to reduce elementary custodial substitutes by \$300. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed on a 5-0 vote.

Jonathan Dupuis presented the Food Service Budget.

- Discussion on presentation related to lunch cost increase, to be done at November School Board meeting.
- Discussion/request to bring two years of transfers to food service to show expenditures.
- Request for student meal counts from last year.
- Chris McDonough moved to reduce food purchase elementary by \$5,000 and HS/MS by \$6,500. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough moved the Food Service Budget \$669,390. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Danielle Bolduc presented the Elementary School Budget.

- Gretchen Gandini motioned to reduce replacement equipment elementary school by \$18,800. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Gretchen Gandini amended the reduction to \$13,800. Chris McDonough seconded the motion which passed on a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce elementary salary summer program by \$4,068. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 4-0-1 vote with Rae Mello-Andrews abstaining.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce elementary supplies summer program by \$3,000. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 4-0-1 vote with Rae Mello-Andrews abstaining.
- Rae Mello-Andrews motioned to reduce elementary office equipment by \$3,999. Chris McDonough seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce elementary student activities stipend by \$900. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Karen Thurston moved the elementary budget \$2,579,028. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with 5-0 vote.

Peter Sawyer presented the Middle School Budget.

- Discussion ensued over the Summer Program 2018. Did we make money?
- Chris McDonough moved to reduce MS replacement equipment by \$4,413. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed on a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce middle school purchase professional service boys \$1,078, girls \$2,003. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

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- Chris McDonough motioned to reduce MS AV material fund by \$1,075. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Chris McDonough moved the Middle School Budget \$2,398,660. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Esther Kennedy and Steve Tucker presented Federal grants, Title IA, IDEA, Title IIA and Title IVA. Discussion ensued. The Board requested 2 years of actual allocations.

- Gretchen Gandini moved the Federal Grant Total \$464,627. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Proposed Warrant Articles were reviewed.

Superintendent Beitler presented School Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for \$75,000 for fund balance. Discussion ensued.

- Chris McDonough motioned to approve warrant article funding from fund balance at \$150,000. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Beitler presented School Building Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for \$62,500 from fund balance.

- Chris McDonough motioned to approve the warrant article. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Beitler presented School Buildings Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund for \$30,000 from fund balance.

- Karen Thurston motioned to approve the warrant article. Chris McDonough seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Beitler presented the World language Program warrant article for \$89,199. Curriculum Coordinator Steve Tucker presented the World Language Committee discussions and ideas. Discussion ensued.

- Karen Thurston moved to approve the warrant article. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion for discussion. The motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote with Jeanin Onos abstaining.

Superintendent Beitler presented the Athletic Track Resurfacing warrant article for \$120,000; \$20,000 to be raised by donation and \$100,000 coming from taxation.

- Discussion ensued regarding quote and companies. The Board requested more information from other companies.

Superintendent Beitler presented Gilford High School Auditorium Lighting Replacement warrant article for \$194,338 coming from taxation.

- Discussion ensued on wording of the warrant article to include original 1974 and replacing with energy efficient LED lighting.

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- Chris McDonough moved to approve the warrant article. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion ensued regarding order of warrant article

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

NON-PUBLIC

At 9:20 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.

**RE-ENTER
PUBLIC
SESSION**

At 10:05 p.m., the board re-entered public session.

Chris McDonough moved to approve the Building and Grounds Budget \$1,981,378. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Chris McDonough motioned to approve the Gilford High School Budget \$4,601,870. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the District Wide Budget \$9,902,573. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion on proposed budget sheet to include School Board's proposed budget and warrant articles.

AJORNMENT

At 10:28 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 Secretar**