

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING  
2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2018  
GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE HALL A**

**The Gilford School Board held a public meeting on Monday November 5, 2018 at the Gilford High School Auditorium in Lecture Hall A. Present were board members Rae Mello-Andrews, Chris McDonough, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston, and Gretchen Gandini. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler, Scott Isabelle, Steve Tucker, Esther Kennedy, Brenda McGee, Anthony Sperazzo, Danielle Bolduc, Tim Bartlett, and Jonathan Dupuis.**

School Superintendent Kirk Beitler called the public information meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Beitler opened the meeting with the following:

2019-2020 School Budget key points were as follows:

- Goals are on website, including School District Technology Plan
- Enrollment History
  - Enrollment trend over 10 years - report to DOE is given every October 1
  - Numbers are based on that data; including projection of kindergarten numbers
  - Enrollment is down with a small bump up next
  - Smallest graduation class in recent years; senior class this year at 95; is generally around 120
- Staffing 2010-2019
  - Staffing - ten year snapshot - fewer staff for next year
  - Proposed Staffing Changes for 2019-2020 (see hand-out)
- Changes by building
  - Joe Wernig asked about redefining assistant principal.
  - Mr. Beitler explained time would be divided with two-thirds at GMS and one-third at GES
  - Will add a guidance member at GES to free up assistant principal to middle school
- Fixed Cost to Consider for 2019-2020 Budget
  - Basic needs by building to make sure they run as needed
  - \$2.09 for heating oil was locked in for this year
  - We've budget for \$2.35 for next year
  - 8% increase in electricity is predicted
  - Guaranteed increase of 6.6% increase in health insurance

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- 2019-2020 Gilford School District Proposed Budget Summary - Superintendent's budget was \$326,613 more than board's proposed budget
- Warrant Articles
  - Athletic Track Resurfacing
    - \$120,000 (\$20,000 raised from PTA donation)
  - Gilford High School Auditorium Lighting Replacement
    - \$194,338
  - World Language Teacher to establish a K-7 program
    - \$89,199
    - Will be funded from general taxation
    - Every opening at the middle and elementary level has been sold out for the after school program - shows parents want it included in the curriculum
  - School Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund
    - \$150,000
    - Have funded this savings account for two years now (increased this year to help with the expected renovations in 2023) - locker room renovations
  - School Buildings Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund
    - \$62,500
    - Currently have \$125,000 in this account
    - Rough estimate of \$800,000 for GHS and GES (divided equally)
  - School Buildings Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund
    - \$30,000
    - Comes from a surplus that has been put away and would move it to the account on July 1

Joe Wernig - If all warrant articles pass, what would the percentage of tax increase be? Mr. Beitler explained that it would be approximately 3.1%

With no further public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Gandini  
School Board Secretary