

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
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**The Gilford School Board held a work session on Wednesday November 14, 2018 at the Gilford SAU office. Present were board members Chris McDonough, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston, and Gretchen Gandini. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler and Scott Isabelle.**

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

**Public Comment**

Sean Murphy offered the hope that the budget meetings with the Budget Committee would be positive.

Scott Isabelle offered an explanation of the new Default Budget Laws, HB 1307 and SB 342.

- HB 1307 requires a presentation of the warrant articles pertaining to the operating budget and the default budget at the Deliberative Session.
- SB 342 requires identification in the default budget of items specifically increasing or decreasing the default budget (contracts specifically).

The School Board asked Scott Isabelle and Superintendent Kirk Beitler to discuss with Town Administrator the presentation at the Deliberative Session.

Scott Isabelle reviewed the 1100 accounts of the default budget.

- Teacher salaries – CBA contractual obligation
- Discussion of transferring positions
- New equipment is zero

Scott Isabelle reviewed the 1200 accounts – special education.

- Salaries reviewed
- Legal obligation of the IEP reviewed

Scott Isabelle reviewed the 1300 accounts – vocational education.

1400 accounts were reviewed – student activity and athletics.

2000 accounts were reviewed.

- HS teaching transferred to elementary guidance
- Psychology testing transferred to teaching at three schools for psychologist that was hired on staff

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- Elementary C/S speech is specialized speech services

2200 accounts were reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Elementary library covered by CBA
- DW Technology discussed regarding the security requirements passed in new law 1612 Data Security
- ADA website access discussed and required.

2300 Accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Volunteer criminal background check not required.

2400 accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Elementary secretary days were reduced and carried that in default because of new law.

2500 accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Salary for district wide secretary transferred from high school sub coordinator.

2600 accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Salary reduction related to Supervisor of Building and Grounds.
- Repairs and maintenance carry for the up keep of facilities.

2700 accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Handicap requirement for transportation
- Discussion regarding transportation overall increase and cost of transporting K-8 grade students.

2800 accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Insurance and retirement reductions

3100 accounts reviewed by Scott Isabelle.

- Food Service accounts reduction

5100 - Principle on debt reviewed.

5120 – Interest on debt reviewed.

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Federal Projects – reviewed a proposed increase in Title IV by \$1,000 offered by Superintendent Beitler. This has no tax impact. DOE guidance at a minimum \$10,000 Title IV allocation.

Budget Summary Sheet reviewed.

School Board consensus – Presentation to Budget Committee of Default Budget will be same as School Board review of Default.

Deliberative Session – info should be shared on-line (District website).

Chair may write letter to editor regarding change in RSA and direct community to website.

Jeanin Onos moved Title IV proposed allocation to \$10,000. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Gretchen Gandini moved the Default Budget of \$25,517,333. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston which passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion ensued on proposed track options. Gretchen moved \$210,000 warrant article for track repair. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the auditorium lighting project proposal to defer the project to 2020-2021.

Gretchen Gandini moved the auditorium lighting project defer to 2020-2021 in the Capital Improvement Plan - \$194,000. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos which passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Gretchen Gandini moved the School Board's proposed budget \$26,396,272. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos which passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Chris McDonough will need coverage at the Budget Committee the first week of December – the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Karen Thurston will cover the meeting.

At 7:25 p.m., Karen Thurston made the motion to adjourn. Gretchen Gandini seconded, which passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Gandini  
School Board Secretary