

**Gilford School Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**  
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The Gilford School Board held a budget work session on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Gilford SAU office. Present were Board members, Gretchen Gandini, Rae Mello-Andrews, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston and Chris McDonough. Administrators present were Brenda McGee, Anthony Sperazzo, Rick Acquilano, Danielle Bolduc Peter Sawyer, Ken Mulleavey, Kirk Beitler and Scott Isabelle.

School Board Chair Chris McDonough called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and confirmed posting of the meeting.

Superintendent Beitler presented an overview of the 2020-2021 proposed budget.

**District Wide Budget**

- A handout of budget transfers was presented to the Board.
- District Wide budget was reviewed.
- Put description on the salary adjustments – line where funds were transferred from.
- Dental % increases over the past 3-5 years. Gretchen Gandini motioned to increase the dental 5%, not 10%. Chris McDonough seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Warrant Articles**

Warrant Articles were reviewed. On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Jeanin Onos, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Warrant Articles.

**Technology Budget**

Chris McDonough motioned to move \$9,000 in the 2019-2020 budget from professional development to the technology line. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Chris McDonough motioned to reduce the proposed 2020-2021 budget, District Wide Contracted Services by \$9,000. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chris McDonough motion to cut the middle school DVR security camera upgrades. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the age of the DVR and a replacement schedule. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Karen Thurston voted against the motion.

Rae Mello-Andrews motioned to cut the middle school chrome books to 80. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Rae Mello-Andrews motioned to reduce chrome books at the high school to 150. Chris McDonough seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

At 6:30 p.m., Adam Mini joined the meeting.

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On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimously with a 5-0 vote to approve the Technology Budget.

On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimously with a 5-0 vote to approve the District Wide Budget.

**High School Budget**

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Copy of Curriculum Coordinator responsibilities
- Rae Mello-Andrews asked how much do we pay nurse substitutes?
- How many students took HiSet last year?
- Look at TV being used in place of interactive boards.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to purchase a van. Rae Mello-Andrews seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a van with the amended amount of \$62,000 going into the 57 account. Gas and maintenance expenses will be added to Buildings and Grounds.

On a motion by Gretchen Gandini and a second by Jeanin Onos, the Board voted unanimously to approve \$13,500 for high school graduation.

**Buildings & Grounds Budget**

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Support for grounds keeper
- How many bleachers do we have?
- What is the amount of oil used in all the buildings? 5 year rolling average of usage.
- Take the middle school light project out of 57 account. Put in middle school budget.
- Get Meadows Deed for Jeanin

On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Jeanin Onos, the Board voted unanimously to remove \$7,125 for the Sugar Shack drip edge.

On a motion by Chris McDonough and a second by Gretchen Gandini, the Board voted unanimously to remove \$15,200 for middle school bollards. Rae Mello-Andrews suggested looking for a grant.

The MS/HS contracted services for special projects line was corrected from \$99,150 to \$91,500.

At this point, Michelle Heyman Joined the meeting.

On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Jeanin Onos, the Board voted 5-0-1 to approve \$300,000 for electricity. Malcolm MacLeod abstained from the vote.

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On a motion by Chris McDonough and a second by Rae Mello-Andrews, the Board voted unanimously to increase the athletic fields line to \$25,000.

Rae Mello-Andrews motioned to increase the District Wide Contracted Services line to \$45,060 for the Meadows project, evaluation, architect, public bathrooms. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote with Jeanin Onos voted against the motion.

At 9:30 p.m., on a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimous to enter non-public session pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A:3II (c).

A roll call vote was conducted as follows: Chris McDonough, yes; Karen Thurston, yes; Gretchen Gandini, yes; Rae Mello-Andrews, yes; Jeanin Onos, yes.

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

On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the non-public session until June 2030.

On a motion by Rae Mello-Andrews and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanin Onos  
School Board Secretary