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The Gilford School Board held a budget work session on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at the Gilford High School Library. Present were Board members, Gretchen Gandini, Kyle Sanborn, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston and Chris McDonough. Administrators present were Peter Sawyer, Danielle Bolduc, Jonathan Dupuis, Esther Kennedy, Kirk Beitler and Amie Leigh.

School Board Chair Chris McDonough called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and confirmed posting of the meeting.

Amie Leigh shared a print out of the changes that were made by the Board the previous night showing the decrease of \$84,985.

Special Education Budget

Esther Kennedy presented the Special Education Budget. Discussion ensued.

Chair McDonough made a motion to reduce the tuition handicapped non-public line from \$152,000 to \$140,000. The motion was seconded by Kyle Sanborn and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the Special Education Budget of \$3,359,661. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Gilford Elementary School Budget

Danielle Bolduc presented the Gilford Elementary School Budget. Discussion ensued.

Jeanin Onos motioned to reduce the elementary school teaching supplies line to \$40,000. Gretchen Gandini seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 0-5 vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the Gilford Elementary School Budget in the amount of \$2,735,721. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Gilford Middle School Budget

Peter Sawyer presented the Gilford Middle School Budget. Discussion ensued.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to reduce the administrative professional development line to \$3500. Chris McDonough seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the Gilford Middle School Budget of \$2,510,788. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Food Service Budget

Jonathan Dupuis presented the Food Service Budget. Discussion ensued.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the Food Service Budget of \$671,531. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Federal Projects Budget

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Superintendent Beitler presented the Federal Projects Budget of \$485,128.. Discussion ensued regarding Title I staffing and IDEA staffing.

Jeanin Onos motion to approve the proposed Federal Projects Budget. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Warrant Articles

Amie Leigh presented the Warrant Articles. Discussion ensued.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to move \$71,000 to the elementary school special projects from the warrant article. Chris McDonough seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to amend the Buildings and Grounds Budget to \$2,173,628. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion ensued regarding rewording the technology warrant article.

On a motion by Gretchen Gandini and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following warrant articles totaling \$292,500.

- School Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$200,000
- School Buildings Roof Maintenance Capitol Reserve Fund \$62,500
- School Buildings Technology Infrastructure Capitol Reserve Fund \$30,000

General Fund Budget

Superintendent Beitler presented the General Fund Budget Discussion ensued.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the General Fund Budget of \$25,809,105. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Default Budget

Amie Leigh presented the Default Budget. Discussion ensued.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the Default Budget of \$26,786,027. Karen Thurston seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion ensued regarding holiday travel and medical back up for the Rapid and PCR COVID testing.

Gretchen Gandini motioned that a PCR test is required for return to work/school for students, staff and contracted service providers pending medical advice. The motion was seconded by

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Karen Thurston. After discussion, Gretchen Gandini rescinded the motion. Karen Thurston rescinded her second of the motion. Doctors notes are required to return to work. If a doctor accepts the Rapid test, then we should as well.

At 7:04 p.m. Jeanin Onos motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen Thurston. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanin Onos
School Board Secretary