

Gilford School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Gilford High School
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The Gilford School Board held a budget work session on October 19, 2021 at the Gilford High School Library. Present were Board members Gretchen Gandini, Kyle Sanborn, Audra Kelly, Jeanin Onos and Karen Thurston. Gilmanton representatives were Johnna McKenna and Michelle Heyman. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler, Dr. Robert Gadomski, Amie Leigh, Danielle Bolduc, Peter Sawyer, Esther Kennedy, Ken Mulleavy, Brenda McGee, Jay Moody and Anthony Sperazzo.

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

Superintendent Kirk Beitler, Dr. Gadomski and Amie Leigh, Business Administrator, presented an overview of the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

District Wide Budget

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Meadows bus cost
- How many students were in the classes offered at the Meadows?

Gretchen Gandini made a motion to reduce the cost of the Meadows bus \$59,342.00. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote 2 abstentions.

Conversations ensued about the cost of heating fuel oil at \$2.90 per gallon. Amie Leigh responded with being able to lock the year at .04 cents less than the budgeted amount. \$2.90 per gallon may not be enough with the current prices.

A question was raised if we are currently paying coaches to drive the district van.

The new District Wide budget was \$10,440,228

High School Budget

Anthony Sperazzo presented the High School Budget. Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- The student participation in the WRSD Ag. Program and the transportation to participate
- Automatic timing system
- Coaches Association dues

The Curriculum Director position was also discussed. With the removal of the Math Specialist position and the Administrator Curriculum Stipends the position would still be possible and provide a savings.

Jeanin Onos made a motion to accept the HS budget for \$4,373,160. Karen Thurston seconded the vote. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

Technology Budget

The Technology budget was presented by Jay Moody.

A discussion regarding emergency connectivity project going on currently was had. This project would result in a \$47,000 revenue for the district. This would offset a project that is proposed in 22-23 budget.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to remove the \$40,000 fiber project to be offset by 21-22 revenue. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote 2 abstentions.

A motion to approve the \$466,032 technology budget was made by Gretchen Gandini and seconded by Kyle Sanborn. Motion passed with 5-0 vote 2 abstentions

Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds budget was presented by Ken Mulleavey.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- The paving project proposed for the SAU driveway
- Gilmanon suggested an energy audit for grants and other reimbursements available

Gretchen Gandini motioned to remove the \$8,000 project for the removal of the HS Auditorium Dividers. Seconded by Jeanin Onos. The motion was approved 7-0.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to remove the \$3,000 security gate proposed at the elementary school. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos. Motion passed 5-0 vote 2 abstentions.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to remove the security film project at all three schools for a total of \$14,500. The motion was seconded by Kyle Sanborn motion passed 5-0 vote 2 abstentions.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to remove the gym floor resurfacing at the Middle School for \$25,000.

The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos. Motion passed 5-0 vote 2 abstentions.

Jeanin Onos motioned to remove the \$60,000 LED light project at the High School. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Gandini. Motion passed 5-0 vote 2 abstentions.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Sanborn
School Board Secretary