

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
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**The Gilford School Board held a meeting on January 6, 2022 in the Gilford SAU office. Present were Board members Gretchen Gandini, Jeanin Onos, Kyle Sanborn, Audra Kelly and Karen Thurston. Administrators present were Superintendent Beitler and Amie Leigh.**

**Opening**

School Board Chair Gretchen Gandini called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Superintendent Beitler confirmed posting of the meeting.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Budget Review**

Amie Leigh presented the Board with an updated Federal Fund Budget along with a letter from Attorney Gordon Graham stating the reasons why the ESSER grant money should be removed from the proposed operating and default budgets. The ESSER grant money was already accepted as unanticipated revenue in 21-22 fiscal year.

Attorney Graham also suggested that we do not add any language to the main warrant article to separate out appropriations for other federal funds such as Food Service, Title I and IDEA grants. Those funds that are annually anticipated are not unanticipated revenue regardless of the size of the grant received by the district. The appropriations of those anticipated amounts are within the operating and default budget.

Attorney Graham also suggest that in Articles 3, 4 and 5, we could add to the end of each article the fact that no additional amount will be raised by taxes. Discussion ensued and the consensus of the Board to was to continue how we have been doing it.

Amie Leigh explained that Attorney Graham suggested added language to the Meadows Warrant Article stating that it is a special non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until June 30, 2028 or the completion of the improvements, whichever is sooner. This article would increase taxes \$.03.

Amie Leigh reviewed the General Fund Budget and the Default Budget with the Board.

Amie Leigh shared the handout for the Public Hearing showing a \$.49 tax impact for the Operating Budget and a \$.24 tax impact for the Default Budget. Facilities projects make up 91% of the increase in the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the title of Article 3. The consensus was to change it to "Meadows Property."

Gretchen Gandini motioned to recommend Article 2. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Kyle Sanborn was the opposing vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to recommend Article 3 with the title change. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Kyle Sanborn was the opposing vote.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to recommend Article 4. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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Gretchen Gandini motioned to recommend Article 5. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to recommend Article 6. Audra Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Gretchen Gandini motioned to approve the revised Federal Project Budget with the removal of the ESSER grant. Audra Kelly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Beitler shared a response to the question regarding the positive COVID cases that happened over the break. He was looking for direction from the Board as to whether or not we count those cases toward the 14 cases that would result in masking.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Board was to include it in the overall total on the Dashboard but those cases will not count towards the 14 for masking.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

At 3:48 p.m., on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Gretchen Gandini, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Sanborn  
School Board Secretary