

**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2010**  
**7:00pm Town Hall**

***Chr. Larry Wahl called the meeting to order at 7:01pm***

***Present:*** Chairman Larry Wahl, Vice Chair John Lamson, School Board Rep Dave Mueller, Selectmen's Rep Jack O'Reilly (sitting in for Jan Stuart), Gail Pare, Gail Klanchesser, Liz Taccetta, AA Beatrice Marconi, Jim Katkin of SAU 50, Dierdre Link of the School Board and Principal Helen Rist. *(members absent: Darin Sabine, Russ Cooke and Tom Benson)*

***Minute Approval: G Klanchesser moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010. G Pare seconded. Motion passed with J O'Reilly abstaining.***

***School District 2010 Budget Request - \$1,843,426***

***G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the School Dist Budget of \$ 1,843,426 with G Pare seconding.*** Jim Katkin of SAU 50 began his presentation by stating that based on the information at hand, we should be looking at an 11 cent decrease on the property tax rate.

Tuitions- up \$47,000 to the Middle School.

- Cost per pupil – based on the numbers, last year showed \$12,861 to middle school; this year \$12,843 High School indicated \$13,471; this year \$13,728
- Retirement/Health – Showed an increase however he felt based on past history of rates, we have been fortunate.
- Special Ed – declined for 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row
- Salaries –There will be a warrant article this year showing 3 years. 0%-first yr; 2%-second yr; 3%-third yr.
- Food Staff – no increase for 2010/2011
- Surplus – School is looking at about \$100,000 which will yield the 11cent rate effect.
- Enrollment – Our numbers are so small – nearly impossible to project out.
- Reverse of Newington/Newcastle information by the State – has been corrected regarding figures shown under  
Local payment to SAU.
- Supplies-Elementary Level-shows decrease due to Principal Rist and staff frugality & conservative buying
- Testing Services Up-Converted to a new national testing System
- Health/Nursing – down – new staff member

Mr. Katkin continued through their budget (audio of entire meeting available at Town Hall) ending by stating the 2010 budget represents \$27,000 less than 2009.

***Chairman Wahl called for the vote of the School District of \$ 1,843,426. Motion passed.***

Chr. Wahl spoke of the vote last September regarding holding the grand total which includes all depts and town to be at a zero% increase after all is said and done – motion amended extracting employee costs. Larry feels the Budget Committee should discuss their position on this motion prior to the Public Hearing Feb 6. Selectmen's Rep O'Reilly stated that the General Town Gov't was down about \$150,000 and that the \$55,000 for parking lot reconfiguration was the main reason it was not down more.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:27pm with no opposition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi  
Admin Assistant