

Town of Newington, NH  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Present:** John Lamson - Chair, Gail Pare, Katherine Latchaw, James Belanger, Rick Stern, Alan Wilson, David Mueller – School Board, Mike Marconi – Selectman.

**Absent:** Brandon Arsenault - Vice Chair, Jennifer Kent Weiner, Sandra Sweeney

**Guests:** Jim Katkin - SAU 50 Business Administrator, Peter Latchaw – Principal, Jack O’Reilly, Victoria Eversman – Recording Secretary and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

**Review of Minutes from January 04, 2017 revised:** M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017. G. Pare seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Review of Minutes from January 11, 2017:** R. Stern moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2017. G. Pare seconded the motion. M. Marconi abstained.

**School Budget Review:**

**G. Pare moved to tentatively approve the School Department budget of \$2,120,248. M. Marconi seconded the motion.**

J. Katkin The total budget is up by \$13,224 which equates to a .63% increase. Deliberations ensued about salaries, benefits, school teacher’s union collective bargaining agreement, addition of a new assistant Business Administrator position , an increase in enrollment. Additional conversation was held regarding the need for a new school bus due to the change in the Portsmouth school system starting 1 hour later. This presents a conflict with getting the Newington Elementary School children to school on time. The SAU is working on a collaboration between Newington and Greenland and their busing schedules.

**J. Lamson called for a vote on the School Department budget and all were in favor of \$2,120,248.**

J. O’Reilly presented the School and Town with two petitions to return the cost of plowing the school and the library to the town. The petitions will be discussed at the Public Hearing on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

J. Belanger brought up the Recreation Department voucher program discontinuance letters that were sent out. The voucher program will be discussed at the Public Hearing on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Budget Committee will meet again on January 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

**M. Marconi made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM. All were in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Eversman  
Recording Secretary**