

Budget Committee

Work Session and Public Meeting

Rye School Budget as part of the School Board Meeting

January 15, 2020

6:30pm Rye Junior High School

Present: Jaci Grote, Chair, Margaret Balboni, Vice Chair, Phil Winslow, Selectmen Representative, Shawn Crapo, Scott Marion, Jeff Ross, Ralph Hickson, Mae Bradshaw, Kevin Brandon, Salvatore Petralia, SAU 50 Superintendent, Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator.

At the last meeting on December 15, the budget committee had several questions that pertained to their understanding of the budget. These questions were answered by Mr. Petralia and Ms. Ryan before this meeting. Based on the information sent and no further questions Chair Grote requested a motion to approve. Scott Marion noted that the School Board approved to increase the budget by \$42,900 on two line items. One is for \$20,000 for a study and process to improve parent output – this is going to be part of a project based learning as the students will be involved with this request. The second request of \$22,900 is for improvement of baseball field at the Rye Elementary School to render the field suitable for regulation games for our baseball teams. This is for phase 2, phase 1 funds are being raised independently. There was also a reduction in the SAU portion of the budget of \$50,168 also considered in the final school budget.

Article 1.

Motion to recommend \$14,404,116 and the \$42,900 or \$14,447,016 for the operating budget made by Mae Bradshaw with a second from Scott Marion. All in favor.

Article 2

Salary increases that are not included in article 1 were recommended in a motion by Kevin Brandon with a second from Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Article 3 was not considered for a vote because there was no monetary value to the warrant.

Article 4 school maintenance expendable trust fund for use in priority projects and replenished by up to \$150,000. Reduces dependency on the unfunded balance at the end of the year and this will stabilize the tax rate. Kevin Brandon moved to recommend with a second from Scott. All in favor.

At 7:20 the Chair opened the Public Hearing.

Joe Cummins, Washington Road, asked in regards to the difference in the snowplowing between the Middle and Elementary Schools (town plows the Middle School lot), and the Lister Academy.

Steve Borne, 431 Wallis Road slow plow schools by Rye DPW and SAU budget cost allocation.

Chair Grote closed the Public Hearing at 7:30. Motion made by Phil Winslow with a second by Shawn. All in favor.

Ralph Hickson commented on the excellent testing performance from Rye students that was published in the Portsmouth Herald and congratulated the teachers, staff and students on their success.

Motion to adjourn by Mae Bradshaw with a second from Shawn Crapo. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Joe Cummins 990 Washington Rd