

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2017**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Cathy Harvey, School Board Representative; Dave Smith, John Koopmann; Brad Roscoe, Selectboard Representative; Gary Winn, Chris Babcock, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; George Goulet, Steve Laskowski, Doug Foster, and Dan Cotter

Absent: Carole Wheeler, Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct

Chairman Tracy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Cotter moved the January 10th minutes for discussion. The motion was seconded by Koopmann. Winn moved to approve the January 10th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Cotter and passed unanimously.

School – Sharyn D’Eon, Principal; Ege Cordell, School Board; Janell Swanson, SAU 29 Business Administrator for Towns and Lisa Fazio were present.

There are 289 K-8 regular ed students proposed for 2017-2018; 126 regular ed HS proposed and 21.5 special ed HS proposed for 2017-2018. There are 3 OOD K-8 and 3 OOD HS. The proposed budget is \$8,566,546. This is \$18,090 per student for elementary school. The highest after Keene.

1100 Regular Instruction is up \$57,645 (1.47%). There is only 1 class of 6th graders proposed. There are 22 kindergartners known for next year. The budget includes 2 kindergarten and 4th grade classrooms. The Regular HS tuition has increased but there are 18 fewer students proposed so overall the cost is less.

1200 Special Instruction is up \$133,720 (7.80%). There are 8 special ed students in 7th grade. 1 student ages out in October.

1410 Co-Curricular is up \$1,541 (3.04%)

1430 ESY is up \$5

2120 Guidance is down \$8,148 (7.75%) primarily due to a change in benefits.

2130 Health is down \$13,162 (10.93%) primarily due to a student aging out in October. All defibrillator pads will be replaced.

2140 Psych is up \$9,490 (20.31%) due to an increase from 50 to 60% in the guidance counselor.

2150 Speech is up \$4,001 (5.06%)

2160 PT/OT is up \$4,306 (4.43%). There is no change for PT.

2210 Staff Support is up \$7,215 (13.19%)

2220 Media is up \$20,546 (24.5). The floor needs to be replaced so a reconfiguring of the Library is also going to occur.

2290 Staff Consultation is down \$1,775 (15.07%) based on need.

2310 School Board no change

2320 SAU is up \$10,917 (2.64%). The SAU is restructuring

2410 Principal's Office is up \$1,388 (.52%)

2600 Building is down \$4,108 (.88%). Replacing the floors in the Library and Music Room are proposed. There is a section of roofing scheduled to be replaced and the Water Tank. The upper field is to be aerated and seeded. The lower field will have rocks removed. Mrs. D'Eon is donating a washing machine but the installation needs to be paid for plus supplies. A new floor machine and supplies such as mops, handles will be purchased. These are normally rented from People's Linen. There is about \$75,000 proposed annually for building repairs. There is also a significant plumbing issue that may need to be addressed.

2700 Transportation is down \$11,074 (2.48%) primarily due to a single student aging out in October.

2800 Staff Services level funded

2840 Tech is up \$8,070 (15.93%) due to 26 computers being replaced in the computer lab.

5220 Transfers is down \$65,000 (15.12%).

Total Budget is \$8,566,546 up \$155,577 or 1.85%.

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,500 for the purpose of purchasing the 21.7 acre Chickering Lot which is adjacent to the school. This is a one time only offer to add land for future expansion of the School. It is suggested as an outdoor science lab and cross-country and track if it is purchased. The Committee suggested working with the Conservation Commission for funding.

The School has been awarded a Special Education Grant to hire a School Adjustment Counselor/Social Worker at 40%. This is a 1 year contract position for a new move-in advocate.

Support Staff Contract – There are no increases proposed for 2017-2018. The Budget will increase \$12,650 in 2018-2019 and \$9,280 in 2019-2020. There is a 17% projected maximum increase to health care.

There are also the standard warrant articles for \$65,000 to the CRF renovation/reconstruction of School Buildings and \$10,000 for Special Education/High School Tuition Fund.

The Committee asked if it was possible to combine the Town and School Libraries. Cathy stated that it would be too time consuming to take them across the street to the library and dangerous to cross Winchester Road. There are 2 different communities served by each library.

Spofford Fire Precinct – Chris Babcock reported that there is a problem with the heating system at the Spofford Station.

The next meeting will be January 31st. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary