

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
November 18, 2015
Minutes
Approved December 9, 2015

I. Call to Order 6:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Andy McLeod, Chairman
Roger Nelson, Vice Chairman
Lou LaCourse, Selectmen's Representative
David Hershey, Member
John Markland, Member
Terence O'Rourke, Member
Steve Miller, School Board Representative

John Markland was sworn in as a Budget Committee member by Selectmen Lou LaCourse prior to the start of the meeting.

IV. Approval of Agenda

J. Markland motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke with all in favor.

V. Public Input I

None
Public Input I closed

V. New Business

A. Review of School Budget

The review of the School Budget continued from November 17, 2015. The following personnel were in attendance representing Alton Central School: Kathy O'Blenes, Business Manager, Chris Blackstone, Principal, Maureen Ward, Superintendent, Jennifer Katz-Borrin, Director of Special Education and Deb Brown, Administrative Assistant.

The Committee reviewed each department in the budget, asked questions and discussed various line items.

Kathy O'Blenes made available to the Committee handout on the final figures for insurance and the snow plow contract.

Break Taken at 7:55 pm
Meeting resumed at 8:04 pm

The Committee continued the review of each department in the budget, asked questions and discussed various line items.

S. Miller motioned to accept the 2016 School Budget as presented. There was no second.

VII. Public Input II

Alton resident Chris Macstravic approached the Committee and asked to verify a couple of items and wanted to make sure they were in the budget. There is a 3/5 stem position is this position in the budget. A. McLeod responded that it is in the budget. He also inquired about the ½ time Curriculum Director and the ½ time Gifted and Talented Director. A. McLeod responded that was correct. Mr. Macstravic continued so what that position is going to do is absorb the current Enrichment Program and move it into the general classroom so that position will be the director for those services but it will actually be the classroom teachers that are implementing enrichment material. Dr. Ward responded that is what the plan is. Mr. Macstravic stated was there another line that either did not get brought up or was missed dealing with any costs or stipends given to the teachers who will have to implement the extra work. Dr. Ward stated that it was under contractual pay. Mr. Macstravic stated it was his understanding that it could be considered a change in working conditions and that would be something that is negotiated with the staff at the time.

Public Input II closed

VIII. Old Business

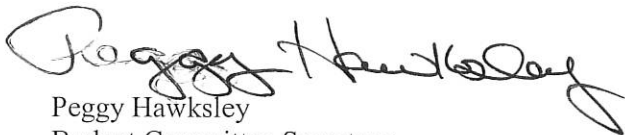
None

X. Adjourn

L. LaCourse motioned to adjourn and was seconded by T. O'Rourke with all in favor.

Adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

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