

Budget Committee Meeting Jan. 24, 2018
Deliberate School Budget

7:00pm Chair Arch Weathers called the meeting to order

Roll Call: Arch Weathers, Ed Hiller, Chris Norris, Jim Delaney (Select Board), Mark Heller (School Board), Morgan Salathe, Mary Ann Levesque.

Guests: Dean Barker, Mark MacLean (SAU 46 Superintendent), Robin Heins (SAU 46 – Business Administrator), Betsy Paine.

An overview was presented of Andover's share of the SAU 46, which shows where the number comes from. This was purely educational, as we don't have any real jurisdiction over this number.

Motion to approve the 18-19 Andover School Budget \$5,441,677.18 Motion made and seconded.

Discussion ensued. A request was made to hear any questions about the 1.99% increase in the budget.

There was discussion about taking money from the HS trust fund to offset the increase in MV tuition. This will happen through a public school board hearing once we have a better sense of the numbers. Last month, the fund balance was roughly \$400k.

Discussion continued about the need to transparently show the increase for tuition in the budget. The final decision was to have the school board explain this year as an anomaly that will be offset within existing fund balances.

Continuation of line item review: A question was asked about the budget shift in heating oil, clarification - the budget has been flat, the anomaly was a low expense year, showing a low actual that misled perception from the reality of the flat budget.

Transportation increase is of note, but there are 2 years remaining in the contract so there is little we can recommend.

Vote taken to approve or decline. Second. Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve and support the school budget as presented.

Warrant Article: Article 3: Collective Bargaining agreement \$34,860 salary pool increase. Moved to approve. Second. Unanimous approval.

Brief discussion on Article 5, explanation of what it is and why we are doing it. No need to vote.

School Board Review concluded at 7:55pm

Budget Committee now assumes the budget with the school board as an advisory body.

Motion to approve 1/10 minutes as corrected. Approved.