

**Hartland Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
January 16, 2020**

Present: Nicki Buck, Beth Roy, Scott Richardson, Sarah Stewart Taylor, Colleen Spence, Christine Bourne, Dave Bake, Angie Ladeau, Karen Woolsey

Meeting called to order: 6:15 PM.

Executive Session:

Nicki Buck asked for a motion to enter executive session for Vermont Title 1, Section 313. Sarah Stewart Taylor moved; seconded by Colleen Spence; motion passed.

Nicki Buck asked for a motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session. Sarah Stewart Taylor moved; seconded by Colleen Spence; motion passed.

Re-entered public session at: 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2020 - Tabled

Public Participation: None

Discussion Items:

Budget -

Christine Bourne mentioned there were a few changes in the budget.

Total budget is \$8,642,306. Included additional day for music, reflects 12.9% in health insurance, staff salary negotiation increase, food service, resource officer, and Behavioral Interventionist in regular education. Includes decrease of \$106,114 in high school tuition and savings in maintenance line. Effort was to level fund but did better. Hartford tuition went up.

Dave Baker mentioned the equalized pupil rate went down, CLA went down, which was the wrong direction, and level funded budget resulting in a 10% change in tax rate or 0.1634. For \$100,000 house will go up \$163. This is a much better tax rate to propose. Scott Richardson mentioned that CLA change not correct to say went in the wrong direction. Dave Baker mentioned is a solid CLA. Scott Richardson mentioned CLA is more correct that assessments are more in line with sale price which is a good thing.

Scott Richardson asked about equalized pupil in the supervisory union. Dave Baker mentioned went down. Comparatively state wide holding our own. We have a good robust preschool program. Statewide and SU wide have number decreasing. More high school kids graduating and have less in graduating class.

Nicki Buck asked for a motion to approve an expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 of \$8,642,306. Sarah Stewart Taylor moved; seconded by Beth Roy; motion passed.

Dave Baker asked about town budget. Nicki Buck mentioned it will be increasing.

The board thanked Christine for all her work on the budget.

Nicki Buck mentioned she will be writing her letter for the Town Report. Sarah Stewart Taylor suggested putting in how numbers being down affects the budget.

Next Agenda: February 10
Budget Meeting Presentation

Adjournment:

Nicki Buck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Stewart Taylor moved; seconded by Scott Richardson; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tessier, Board Secretary