

**Ashland School Board Budget Work Session
Ashland Elementary School – Teachers’ Room
November 8, 2019
3:30 PM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Ms. Deborah Boyer, Vice-Chair; Ms. Sandra Coleman; Mr. Stephen Heath; Mr. Jamie Lyford

Members Absent: Mr. Glenn Dion (with notice)

Administrators Present: Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent; Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Shannon Bartlett, Principal

Others Present: Mrs. Elaine Dodge, Director of Student Services; Mr. Lester Brent, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Timothy Paquette, Maintenance Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Each section of the proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. Information on specific sections are shared below.

1210 Special Education

Discussion ensued regarding only half of the cost of the Speech Pathologist is included within the budget proposal; a plan to potentially utilize funds from the Special Education Expendable Trust to meet the other half of those costs.

2620 Buildings & Equipment

Discussion regarding replacement of six (6) cafeteria tables - \$7,740; Middle-Tier classroom unit ventilators (part of the Capital Improvement Plan) - \$9,000; and Ober Wing Zone valves replacement - \$500. School Board members expressed that these replacement items are important, and rather than including these items in next year’s budget which would shift a 1.96% increase to 2.43% the consensus of the Board was to work on other ways to accomplish these needs, such as possibly a withdrawal from the Expendable Trust.

2630 Care of Grounds

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a district truck.

Mr. Lyford moved, second by Ms. Coleman, to propose an Operating Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$3,755,410; which is an increase of \$72,108 or 1.96% from the current budget. The motion carried unanimously.

The November 13, 2019 Budget Work Session is not needed; draft Warrant Articles will be presented at the December 3rd meeting that will include the heating system for the gymnasium and special education area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, November 19, 2019 *(Tentative)*

SAU #2 Board @ SAU Office – Humiston Bldg. Conference Room

- Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:45 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Moriarty
Acting Recording Secretary