

**Finance Committee Meeting Notes**  
**SAU 49 Office**  
**December 20, 2022 4:30pm**

**Present:**

**GWRSB Finance Committee:** Jack Widmer – Team Leader, Brodie Deshaies, Stefanie King, James Pittman

**Administration:** Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Curriculum Director Kaitlyn Hills

**Subject Matter**

Budget Review FY 2023-2024

**Discussion**

- Ms. O'Blenes presented a summary list of new staff requests and the Proposed General Fund Budget overview both with and without the new staff requests.
- Superintendent Arakelian reiterated that school principals all reviewed and presented their budgets at the November meetings.
- Ms. Hills reviewed the Curriculum Project Manager position, currently a grant-funded position, proposing that the position be funded for one additional year as part of the general budget in order to continue to improve upon progress made during the past two years.

Discussion included current unfilled positions within the District, the benefits of math coaches, warrant articles included and excluded from area district budgets, support/non-support of Project Manager position and the effect on the bottom line of the budget (none), health insurance cost increases, NH Retirement contributions, creation of high school competencies, the typical amount returned to taxpayers.

**Motion:** To approve funding requests as presented and modified, and to re-evaluate the three grant-funded positions during next year's budget process.

**Moved:** Mr. Deshaies – **Second:** Mr. Pittman

**Vote:** : Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.

**Moved:** Mr. Pittman – **Second:** Mr. Deshaies

**Vote:** : Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Recorded by,



Kathy Lagace  
School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: **01/09/2023**