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Hoosac Valley Regional School Committee
School Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
Hoosac Valley High School
125 Savoy Road, Cheshire, MA

PRESENT: John Duval, Andrew Przystanski, Adam Emerson, Robert Tetlow (arrived 6:21) , Erin Milne, Fred Lora

ABSENT: Mike Henault

OTHERS: Superintendent Aaron Dean

104215 Call to Order

Chairman Adam Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

104216 Public Comment or Question - Carol Corrigan - introduced members present from Adams - George Haddad - precinct member, Kelly Rice - Treasurer Collector and Carol Corrigan, finance committee member

104217 Superintendent's Report

A. Update on Budget - Vote

Superintendent walked through the series of events that have caused us to revisit our budget and re vote. Superintendent walked through the transcription error in the Adams warrant as well as the Cheshire warrant that only approved a budget equal to the FY24 assessment. Discussion around other options that were presented to the committee were summarized in number and concept. - See powerpoint presentation - Timelines were discussed for re submission and a second vote and the timeline of towns to approve or disapprove. . There was a discussion around what building work would be put off if we were to remove the additional capital from the budget that was being offset by E&D. Adam Emerson highlighted the work done to present options that do not impact students and education and did so in a short period of time. Erin Milne asked to revisit the timeline for the town meetings. Adam said in speaking with the town of Cheshire they were planning on holding their ballot vote on August 12th. If both fail in the second round we will hold the district wide meeting. The committee discussed the legality of cheshires warrant article and how it was phrased. Discussion around how Adams can proceed - either hold an additional meeting or just pass the vote by not holding a meeting.

School Committee Order SC2402-2nd vote : FY2025 Budget: Submitted herein for your approval is the FY2025 School Committee Budget totaling \$22,481,719. The FY2025 Budget consists of: Foundation Budget: Transportation Budget: Capital Budget Total: MOTION: \$20,451,161 \$979,458 \$ 1,051,100 total \$22,481,719

On Motion of Erin Milne and second by John Duval to resubmit the same budget:

VOTED: To approve S.C. Order SC2402 - 2nd VOTE. The vote was unanimous.

School Committee Order SC2403- 2nd VOTE FY2025 Assessment Town of Adams: Submitted herein for your approval is the FY2025 Assessment to the Town of Adams for its portion of the Adopted FY2025 School Committee Budget in accordance with the Hoosac Valley Regional School District Agreement. The Assessment is as follows: Foundation Budget: Transportation Budget: Capital Budget Total: MOTION: \$ 5,382,305 \$ 440,507 \$ 661,611 total \$ 6,484,422

On Motion of Erin Milne and second by John Duval:

VOTED: To approve S.C. Order SC2403- 2nd vote. The vote was unanimous.

School Committee Order SC2404-2nd VOTE FY2025 Assessment Town of Cheshire: Submitted herein for your approval is the FY2025 Assessment to the Town of Cheshire for its portion of the Adopted FY2025 School Committee Budget in accordance with the Hoosac Valley Regional School District Agreement. The Assessment is as follows: Foundation Budget: Transportation Budget: Capital Budget Total: MOTION: \$ 2,756,515 \$ 135,355 \$ 207,126 - total \$ 3,098,995

MOTION: On Motion by Erin Milne and second by John Duval:

VOTED: To approve S.C. Order SC2404 2nd vote. The vote was unanimous.

School Committee Order SC2405-2nd VOTE Appropriation from Certified E & D: Submitted herein for your approval is a request to appropriate \$245,000 from E & D as certified by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of reducing the FY2025 Foundation Budget assessments to the member towns. Be it hereby ordered that the \$245,000 be appropriated from certified E & D for the purpose of reducing the FY2025 Foundation Budget assessments to the members Towns of Adams and Cheshire

On Motion by Erin Milne and second by John Duval:

VOTED To approve S.C. Order SC2405 - 2nd vote. The vote was unanimous.

104218 New Business

A. Ratify Contracts - Executive Session

MOTION: On Motion Andy Przystanski and second by Robert Tetlow:

VOTED: to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. Also, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; to actually conduct collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous. The committee will reconvene in open session.

MOTION: On Motion of Erin Milne and second by Andy Przystanski

VOTED: To reconvene in open session at 7:08 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION: On Motion of Erin Milne and second by Andy Przystanski

VOTED: to approve the Cafeteria Workers Contracts. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION: On Motion of John Duval and second by Fred Lora:

VOTED: to approve the Custodian Contracts. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION: On Motion of John Duval and second by Andy Przystanski

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Dean, Superintendent

Erika Snyder, Recording Secretary

