

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
Inter-Lakes School Board  
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium  
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH  
February 3, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. RECORD ROLL**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Richard Hanson, Chair  
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Lisa Merrill, Secretary\*  
Mr. Craig Baker  
Mr. Charles Hanson  
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman\*  
Ms. Nancy Starmer\*

**Members Absent:**

Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.  
(with notice)

\*Remote attendance

**Administrators Present:**

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent  
Ms. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent  
Ms. Elaine Dodge, Director of Student Services\*  
Mr. Michael Bryant, ILES Principal  
Mr. Scott Currier, ILM/HS Principal  
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, SCS/ILVP Principal  
Ms. Sarah Dumais, Athletic Director  
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director

**Others Present:**

Mr. Chris Mega, Video Recorder  
Mr. Jason Cornelissen, Auditorium Manager  
Public (Remote Access)

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Chairman Hanson opened the hearing at 6:00 p.m. with introductions by each School Board member

Mr. Hanson announced that the Board would not take any action this evening; the purpose of this meeting was for the Board to hear the public's thoughts, comments and suggestions. The Board will meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the ILM/HS Community Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the bottom-line budget that will be forwarded to voters at the Annual School District Meeting on March 3, 2021.

Superintendent Moriarty shared the location of the budget on the District's website for anyone participating remotely.

The Superintendent provided an overview of Warrant Article 3 – Inter-Lakes Support Staff Association Contract Proposal for a three-year period.

Mrs. Moriarty gave a detailed presentation of Warrant Article 5 – Operational Budget; the proposed budget is \$28,465,330 this represents an increase of \$213,448 or .76% from previous year's budget. Specific areas impacting the increase were reviewed in detail. The proposed budget maintains the same staff level as March 2020, with the exception of Custodial Staff.

The proposed budget has not been increased due to additional needs and expenses relative to the pandemic due to the anticipated receipt of funds from the NH

Department of Education ESSR-II. We have received a preliminary anticipated allocation in the amount of \$820,000.

Warrant Article 6 – Facilities Expendable Trust Fund; \$160,000 appropriated to the trust funded through fund balance with no additional taxation.

Warrant Article 7 – Special Education Expendable Trust Fund; \$15,000 to be funded through fund balance with no additional taxation.

Superintendent Moriarty reviewed in-depth the details and distribution funds for the proposed budget.

Assistant Superintendent Temperino provided a detailed review of District Revenues and estimated Town Assessment for Center Harbor, Meredith and Sandwich.

Mr. Martin read questions received by email via [comments@interlakes.org](mailto:comments@interlakes.org):

Rich Cracker, asked questions regarding information in the Budget Hearing Information Packet. Specifically, regarding enrollment since 2006 he would like to see the classroom and non-classroom FTE for this same period of time; how were enrollment projections for the 2021-2022 school year determined; both employee and teacher retirement is increasing substantially – why is that?; did not see projected revenues to offset expenses – where can that be found?

Mrs. Temperino responded that page 14 of the packet will provide some information pertaining to FTE breakdown by classes; more detailed data will be uploaded to the website.

Mrs. Temperino noted that enrollment projections are made on the current enrollment for upper grades and a five-year enrollment average for Kindergarten and First grade.

Retirement information is on page 9 of information packet - Warrant Article 3 information; the rates are changed by the NHRS Board of Trustees.

Revenue and property tax impact information is detailed on pages 20-22.

Julie Hayward, Meredith – expressed concerns regarding the reduction in the overall population of students in school needs to come to the forefront. We feel this a serious threat to our schools and our great community. Outside of the 2020-2021 which is recognized a rogue numeric valve, Inter-Lakes school district has been dropping in population consistency since 2010. There needs to be a concentrated effort to retain families and students through community engagement, communication on school happenings, high quality offerings to students.

Ms. Hayward questioned the why the funds to replace gymnasium bleachers couldn't be used for the turf field.

Mr. Swanker explained that gym is all original equipment, bleachers have broken parts that are next to irreplaceable; difficult to open and close bleachers due to issues. Gym floor has had years of use and is worn; lines and colors on the floor cannot be seen by players – original gym needs to be freshened up.

Chairman Hanson reminded the public that the School Board will meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at which time more public input is welcome. A decision will be made by the Board at that meeting to bring forward a budget for vote in March

With no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Hanson closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Marilyn G. Martell  
School District Clerk Pro Tem