

Middleton Budget Committee

January 6, 2021

Board Members:

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chair
Tracy Donovan-Laviolette
Bonnie Gagnon
Joe Varga, Selectman Rep

Laura Parker, Vice Chair
Scott Ferguson
Mary Knapp, School Board Rep
Janet Kalar (Absent)

Meeting:

Meeting on the school budget was opened at 6:33 pm.

Pledge

Working off the MSD FY 2022 proposed general fund budget, the budget committee looked at every line in the proposed budget.

Line 100 – Wages - The board decided to come back to this line.

Line 211 – Health/Life – 382,531

Line 212 – Dental – 18,785

Line 214 – Disability – 2,952

Line 220 – Line 260 – The board decided to come back to these lines.

Line 320 – Professional Services – 222,879

Line 322 – Staff Development – 136,505

Line 329 – Health Services – 72,300

Line 380 – CPA Services – 10,000

Line 390 – Legal Services – 11,000

The board discussed the use of this line against the previous years budgeted amount. Scott Ferguson made a motion to reduce this line to 11,000. Tracy Donovan-Laviolette seconded. The board voted, motion passed. (7-0-0)

Line 411 – Water & Sewer – 1,300

Line 421 – Rubbish Disposal – 4,511

Line 422 – Snow Removal – 7,000

Line 430 - Repairs & Maintenance – 25,800

Joe Varga would like to know exactly what maintenance is going into this line for the large increase. This question will be added to the school board questions.

Line 431 – Building Service Agreements – 9,100

Line 442 – Copying – 3,000

Line 443 – Vehicle Lease – 22,738

Line 519 – Contracted Transportation – 1,000

Scott Ferguson made a motion to reduce this line to 1,000. Bonnie Gagnon seconded, the board voted, motion passed. (7-0-0)

Line 520 – Insurance – 18,600

Line 531 – Telephone – 11,500

Line 532 – Internet Access – 11,400

Line 534 – Postage – 1,800

Line 550 – Printing – 2,500

Line 561 – Tuition – 2,002,212

Line 580 – Travel – 1,400

Line 610 – General Supplies – 53,350

Joe Varga made a motion to flat line the general supplies line with FY 2021. Bonnie Gagnon seconded. The board voted, motion passed (6-1-0)

Line 611 – Testing Materials – 15,025

Line 622 – Electricity – 20,500

Line 623 – Bottled Gas – 15,000

Bonnie Gagnon made a motion to reduce the bottled gas line to 15,000, seconded by Joe Varga. The board voted, motion passed (6-1-0)

Line 629 – Transportation Fuel – 15,000

Line 640 – Books & Other Printed Media – 7,500

The board discussed the previous and current yearly use of this line. Due to past amounts paid out on this line a motion was made. Bonnie Gagnon made a motion to reduce the books and other printed media to 7,500, Laura Parker seconded. The board voted, motion passed. (7-0-0)

Line 650 – Computer Media Software – 18,000

The board discussed the previous and current use of this line. What exactly is causing the jump this year? This will be added to the question list for the school board. Scott Ferguson made a motion to

increase this line from the FY 2021 budget to 18,000, Joe Varga seconded. The board voted, motion passed. (5-2-0)

Line 731 – New Equipment – 2,750

Line 733 – New Furniture – 1,000

Line 735 – Replacement Equipment – 3,000

Line 737 – Replacement Furniture – 750

Line 810 – Dues and Fees – 6,025

Line 830 – Interest – 170,933

Line 910 – Principal – 305,000

The board went back to line 100, to discuss wages.

Line 100 – Wages – 1,133,820

Lines 100 and 220-260 were discussed together. There was much discussion on raises and what the town tax payers can pay vs what the school board was asking. Discussion on 2020 being a hard year for the community. The board decided to go with a 1.6 % cost of living increase from the FY 2021 budget.

Line 220 – Fica – 85,684

Line 230 – NHRS – 147,160

Line 250 – Unemployment – 3,150

Line 260 – Workers Comp – 4,135

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan made a motion to increase the wage line 1.6 % over FY2021, for a total of 1,133,820, the fica line to 85,684, the NHRS line to 147,160, unemployment line to 3,150 and workers comp line to 4,135, Laura Parker seconded, the board voted and the motion passed. (7-0-0)

The board discussed the warrant articles. We decided to let the residents decide if the warrant articles should be decreased or increased from the proposed school board numbers at the school deliberative session.

Special Education Trust Fund – 7,000

Bus Capital Reserve Fund – 5,000

Construction, Renovation, Repair Fund – 10,000

Federal Fund – 69,000

Food Service Fund – 60,000

Employee expense sub total plus the other expenses sub total plus the debt services sub total equal a combined 4,988,595. Bottom line with warrant articles and funds totals 5,139,595.

Joe Varga made a motion to accept our proposed budget, Laura Parker seconded, the board voted, motion passed. (7-0-0)

The next budget committee meeting will be held January 18th at old town hall. This will be the public hearing for the town budget.

Joe Varga made a motion to adjourn, Bonnie Gagnon seconded, the board voted, motion passed at 8:50 pm. (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette