

**MIDDLETON SCHOOL BOARD
MIDDLETON BUDGET COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING – MIDDLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OCTOBER 21, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The joint meeting of the Middleton School Board and Middleton Budget Committee was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Tammy Bailey, Krystle Beaulieu, Ken Garry, Mary Knapp
Budget Committee Members Present: Roxanne Tufts-Keegan/Chair; Laura Parker/Vice Chair (left at 6:50 pm); Bonnie Gagnon, Tracy Donovan-Lavolette, Scott Ferguson, Joe Varga/Board of Selectmen Representative, Mary Knapp/School Board Representative

Also Present: Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes and community member Joe Bailey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Garry said the pupil tuition rate for the 21-22 school year for middle and high school students is \$12,534 per student. Ms. Tufts-Keegan said it would be helpful to go through the school budget, line item by line item, so the budget committee can get a better general understanding of the budget. The budget was reviewed by line item and questions were answered. Ms. O'Blenes was asked if she could change the format of the monthly report to include the description to the functions at the subtotals. Ms. Tufts-Keegan said some items are contractual and asked if they can be identified. Ms. O'Blenes said yes, but it will take time because it will need to be done manually. Ms. O'Blenes said she calls companies during budget preparation if we have no contract with them (ie: auditor) so she will have as firm a dollar amount as possible to work with. Ms. Tufts-Keegan said she would like the joint boards to meet again when the new budget is ready. Ms. Knapp said the salary line has raised questions at previous budget committee meetings and said now is the time to ask questions. Mr. Ferguson said he feels that Middleton should have its own salary schedule for teachers and not mirror Governor Wentworth Regional School District's. It was explained that their contracts are not mirrored exactly. Mr. Ferguson said the board and budget committee needs to think 10-15 years out; not just this year or next. Ms. Keegan-Tufts asked if the District would receive COVID reimbursement and Ms. O'Blenes said the Cares Act is based on federal Title I funds and the District received \$52,000. Ms. Keegan-Tufts said the meeting was very helpful and informative and thanked the Board for their time.

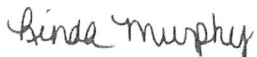
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 6:58 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Mr. Ferguson – **Seconded:** Mr. Varga

Vote: It was a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary