



Town of Middleton

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182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

Middleton Budget Committee Meeting

January 11, 2023

Present: Bonnie Gagnon, Andrea Bowden, Dan Saliga, Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Laura Parker-BOS Representative, Krystal Beaulieu-School Board Representative.

Absent-Craig Moody

Also present: Roxanne Tufts Keegan

Vice Chair Bonnie Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Pledge

Minutes of December 19, 2022:

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 19, 2022 as written

Motion: Dan Saliga

Second: Andrea Bowen

Motion carried 5/0 Krystal-abstain

School Budget

Krystal mentioned switching the order of the warrant articles, but they decided to keep it with Special Education first.

Andrea asked about the \$75,000 in the Construction, Renovation, Repair Fund.

Krystal stated we need to hire an additional second grade teacher for the rest of this year. It will be a 6 month contract using the art room as a classroom and Art will become mobile as it was during Covid.

Tracy asked about the proposed school increase of 8.9% in wages. It was explained that it was due to increase in family benefits.

Bonnie asked if the Paraprofessionals would be getting another raise from \$16.50. Krystal stated they do not get benefits and do not get a raise unless further discussed.

Krystal mentioned the new insurance would be \$1,198 for a single plan for MES staff. It is currently \$1,000 for a single plan or \$2,000 for a family plan.

Andrea asked what the tuition is for Kingswood and how many students we have in each grade including Kingswood.

Laura proposed we cut \$120,000. \$60,000 from health and life and \$60,000 tuition. This brings the budget committee's proposed budget to \$5,198,125.

Bonnie made a motion to approve the proposal of \$120,000 cut from the school budget. Dan seconded. Krystal- Abstained 5-1.

Motion to adjourn made by Bonnie Gagnon. Tracy seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Kari Eastman