

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 9, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Scarano, I. Heidenreich, C. Austin, S. Felton, D. Ruell, M. Brown, D. Toth, M. Badger (non-voting member)

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: P. Preston

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Tucker, P. Branscombe, A. Cilley, E. Badger, M. Ormond, T. Temperino, S. Bartlett, A. Ulricson, J. Wrath

The meeting came to order at 6:05pm in the Elementary school café.

Tucker told us that fees (ex. vehicle, municipal, ect.) go into a general fund.

Tucker gave us a copy of the 2013 warrant articles.

At 6:30pm, we started the public hearing for the school district budget by discussing the general fund.

Temperino went over salary, health insurance, and professional improvement that with the figures for the collective bargaining agreement will save approximately \$12,000 in the first year.

There will be no fund balance this year or next year.

Ormond spoke about present teachers retiring and in the future there will be a younger set of teachers, which will make the salary line less.

Temperino spoke on health insurance.

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Brown to approve the warrant article for the teachers' association & the Ashland school board agreement. 3 members aye. 2 members nay. 3 members abstained.

Ruell went over the budget overview.

Ruell went over the pie chart. Salaries & benefits are at 72.93%. Retirement went up 25% next year.

There is an increased enrollment of students.

Contracted services are people based too.

Ruell went over category comparisons.

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Ruell went over the budget impact on the tax bill.

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The committee did the overview of the budget. The default figure would be \$3,056,891.

The committee, Temperino, and Ormond discussed the school district warrant articles, #2, #3, #6 and #7.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Scarano to end the public hearing at 7:18pm. All members ayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to approve the bottom line figure for the school operating budget as \$3,022,661. 6 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to recommend Article #2 as written. 8 members ayed.

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Toth to recommend Article #3 as written. 6 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to recommend Article #6 as written. Coleman made the comment in discussion that this article is too broad. Ormond & Temperino said that there would need to be a public hearing to expend money. 8 members ayed.

Preston came in at 7:45pm

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to recommend Article 7 as written. 8 members ayed. 1 member abstained.

The committee was finished with the school budget at 7:50pm

Minutes:

December 29—add in “called to order at 1:00pm at the CAP building”.

Page 3, paragraph 1 of police, add + after the \$ amounts.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to accept the minutes of 12-29-12 with changes. 8 members ayed. 1 member abstained.

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January 3—add that we met in the CAP building.

Page 2, paragraph 4 add that Paquette would look into cutting 1 day or 8 hours.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Brown to accept the minutes of 1-3-13 with changes. 8 members aye. 1 member abstained.

Warrant articles:

Petitioned article O: Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Brown to recommend article O as written. 8 members aye. 1 member nay.

Petitioned article P: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Scarano to recommend article P as written. 8 members aye. 1 member nay.

Petitioned article R: Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Brown to recommend article R as written. 8 members aye. 1 member nay.

Petitioned article S: Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Felton to recommend article S as written. 9 members aye.

Petitioned article T: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to recommend article T as written. 8 members aye. 1 member nay.

The selectmen approved the \$40,000 for the energy audit. The money will be going into the general building line. CIP also recommends the \$40,000.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Coleman NOT to recommend the \$40,000 into the budget. 7 members aye. 1 member nay. 1 member abstained.

Coleman, Toth and Ruell spoke on the energy audit.

Heidenreich asked that in the future all answers to the committees' questions be submitted to us in writing, so that all of the members can have a copy of the answer.

Our next meeting is January 10, 2013 in the Ashland elementary café at 6:00pm.

Coleman asked if we could have updated actuals for the meeting tomorrow.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. All members aye.

Christine Austin, Secretary

