

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2011

Members Present: Ruell, Felton, Coleman, Brown, Golden, Heidenreich, Newton, Scarano

Members Excused: Austin

Others Present: Supt. McCormack, Asst. Supt. Temperino, Principal Tirone, School Board Member M. Badger, E. Badger, J. Felton, D. Toth

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Ashland School library.

School Budget

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Newton, it was voted to recommend \$852,571 for School District Revenues

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Newton, it was voted to recommend \$1,394,230 for Regular Education.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$183,391 for Special Education.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$5072 for Extended School Year.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Heidenreich, it was voted to recommend \$0 for Bilingual.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$35,455 for Co-Curricular

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$7300 for Athletics.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$1 for Attendance.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Newton, it was voted to recommend \$89,415 for Guidance Services.

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On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$84,460 for Health Services.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$3100 for Psychology.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$16,382 for Speech Services.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Newton, it was voted to recommend \$40,050 for Physical and Occupational Therapy.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$48,601 for Technology.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$40,154 for Curriculum and Development.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$57,541 for Library and Media Services.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$10,616 for School Board Services.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Newton, it was voted to recommend \$8250 for Audit Services.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$4000 for Legal Services.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$67,720 for SAU Administration.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Newton, it was voted to recommend \$184,755 for Office of the Principal.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$1800

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for Operation of Plant – Disposal Services.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$302,874 for Operation of Plant.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$56,000 for Buildings and Equipment.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$15,500 for Care of Grounds.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$41,098 for Regular Transportation.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$3000 for Special Education Transportation.

On a motion by Heidenreich, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$3600 for Athletic Transportation.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$4200 for Co-Curricular Transportation.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to recommend \$900 for Homeless Transportation.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$20,000 for Transfer to Food Service.

On a motion by Felton, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$270,000 for Transfer to Federal Funds.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$72,000 for Food Service Support.

The committee took a short break around 7:30 p.m.

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Minutes

Two minor errors were noted in the December 20 minutes. The 6th paragraph on page 1 should begin “There are no monies...”. The 5th line on p. 3 should begin “Felton made the motion...” It was noted by some members that they voted for the raises in the Library because of the inadequate pay scale for Library employees. On a motion by Brown, seconded by Newton, it was voted to approve the December 20 minutes as amended.

The December 22 minutes are on the website.

Town Budget

The request for an additional \$20,000 in Legal was discussed. On a motion by Brown, seconded by Newton, it was voted, with one abstention, to table the request until the next meeting to get more information from the Town Administrator.

The Town Mechanics Uniforms line was discussed. On a motion by Felton, seconded by Heidenreich, it was voted, with one abstention, to table the line to get more information from the Town Administrator.

The Parks & Recreation default salary line was discussed. It was voted with dissent, on a motion by Newton, seconded by Brown, to include in the default budget for Parks & Recreation, the Director's salary at \$20,745 and FICA and Medicare lines based on that salary.

The Parks & Recreation Water line was discussed. It was voted to table Parks & Recreation water, awaiting further information from the Water & Sewer Department and the Town Office.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Brown, it was voted with dissent to recommend \$2500 for Parks & Recreation- Building Expense.

The committee discussed the questions asked by Steve Felton and answered by the Town Administrator. The committee asked for clarification of the encumbered funds for the Master Plan and the accrued landfill post-closure care costs.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to make the Library

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default budget \$53,155.

On a motion by Scarano, seconded by Brown, it was voted to recommend \$10,690 for Patriotic Purposes. On a motion by Felton, seconded by Coleman, it was voted to make the default budget for Patriotic Purposes \$9813.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Felton, it was voted to make the recommended and default budgets for Town Trustees \$646.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to recommend \$1000 for the Conservation Commission. On a motion by Newton, seconded by Felton, it was voted to make the default budget for the Conservation Commission \$500.

On a motion by Heidenreich, seconded by Scarano, it was voted to make the recommended and default budgets for Debt Service Principal \$221,630.

On a motion by Heidenreich, seconded by Brown, it was voted to make the recommended and default budgets for Debt Service Interest \$105,429.

On a motion by Heidenreich, seconded by Brown, it was voted to make the recommended and default budgets for Interest TAN Notes \$500.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Heidenreich, it was voted to make the recommended and default budgets for Capital Outlay \$0.

The consensus of the committee was to request an updated version of the budget as it now stands on an Excel spreadsheet to be e-mailed to committee members.

The committee discussed the Electric Department's request to make another presentation on the new billing program, and the schedule for the next meeting.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Newton, it was voted to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

David Ruell, Co-Chairman