

Wiscasset Budget Committee Meeting
Wiscasset Municipal Building
Meeting Room
April 28, 2017

Present: Kristin Draper, Lonnie Kennedy-Patterson, John Merry, William Laliberte, Frederick Quivey, and Bryan Buck

Vice Chairman Laliberte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Laliberte noted that this is a special meeting of the Budget Committee for the purpose of reviewing and voting on the articles for the warrant pertaining to the operating budgets for Wiscasset School Department for the Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2018 (FY 2018). Vice Chairman Laliberte outlined the process for discussing each article and voting on same.

In order to assist the Committee in its deliberations, Superintendent of Schools, Heather Wilmot attended and distributed copies of the summary sheet for proposed FY 2018 expenses (dated 4/26/17 in green background). Accompanying Dr. Wilmot for the Wiscasset School Department were Chairman Michael Dunn, Jason Putnam, and Glen Craig.

Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of April 3, 2017 were reviewed and approved with one correction.

Proposed School Department operating budget for FY 2018

John Merry informed the chair that as an employee of the Wiscasset School Department, he would be abstaining from each vote regarding the proposed WSD budget.

Vice Chair Laliberte noted that since the Budget Committee met with Superintendent Wilmot on April 14, at which time, she answered a series of budget related questions, he asked Dr. Wilmot to outline only the budget changes since that date.

Superintendent Wilmot noted that there were two significant changes to the prior budget iteration:

- A previously requested, additional Pre-K teacher position was eliminated thereby decreasing the total expense by \$50,265.90, and
- The requested increase to Contingency was reduced to \$17,000 (as savings to the requested budget of \$33,000).

The resulting operating expense budget proposal for FY2018 in combination with the known and forecasted revenues means that the sum of the Required local and Additional Local Funding will not increase between Fy2017 and FY 2018.

In response to a question from Fred Quivey regarding the Pre-K program, Dr. Wilmot noted that there are now 12 registrations for this program. Per State rules, the pupil\teacher ratio of 16 to 1 means that there are 4 available slots for Pre-K for next year.

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Vice Chair Laliberte then lead the Committee through each of the budget elements proposed for FY 2018. He noted that each amount had been voted upon by the School Committee in the affirmative on April 27, 2017.

Total Regular Instruction – to endorse the amount of \$3,706,733.32 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Kennedy-Patterson.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Special Education Instruction – to endorse the amount of \$2,062,104.09 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Quivey.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

CTE Instruction– to endorse the amount of \$0.00 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Total Other Instruction – to endorse the amount of \$235,606.44 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Quivey, seconded by Draper.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Student and Staff Support – to endorse the amount of \$867,112.45 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Kennedy-Patterson.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Total System Administration – to endorse the amount of \$461,736.37 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Kennedy-Patterson.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

School Administration – to endorse the amount of \$461,927.83 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Total Transportation and Busses – to endorse the amount of \$529,542.55 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Facilities Maintenance – to endorse the amount of \$1,068,783.14 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Debt Service – to endorse the amount of \$0.00 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Total All Other Expenditures – to endorse the amount of \$60,000.00 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Adult Education – to endorse the amount of \$10,000.00 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

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For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

Total Proposed Budget - to endorse the amount of \$9,453,546.19 which was voted by the Wiscasset School Committee at their meeting held on April 27, 2017. Moved by Draper, seconded by Buck.

For - 5; Against - 0; Abstaining - 1

There being no further business for the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick Quivey
Secretary