

# Town of Hudson Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

## Minutes of the December 4, 2024 Meeting

### A. Call to Order

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order in the BOS Conference Room at Town Hall at 7:00PM and declared a quorum was present.

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lawrence led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. Attendance

**Members Present:** Donna Boucher, Randall Brownrigg, Shawn Jasper, James Lawrence, Kimberly Rice, Kevin Walsh, Richard Weissgarber, Robert Wherry, Selectman (BOS) Liaison Heidi Jakoby, School Board Liaison Grace Kennedy

### School District SAU Staff/Others Present:

Superintendent Dr. Daniel Moulis, Assistant Superintendent Jessica Benson, Director of Facilities John Pratte, IT Director Kevin Peterson

### (0:01) D. Public Input

Chairman Lawrence opened Public Input at 7:01PM. With no citizen present for input, declared Public Input closed at 7:02PM.

### E. Acceptance of Minutes

Chairman Lawrence recognized Clerk Walsh who noted minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting available for review and acceptance. Mr. Jasper moved and Ms. Rice seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting as presented. No, discussion, Chairman Lawrence called for a vote and passed unanimously on a voice vote with Mr. Weissgarber abstaining.

Chairman Lawrence waived items F: Nominations; G: Reports, H: Old Business and proceeded to move to New Business.

### (0:03) I. New Business

Hudson School Board: Proposed FY 26 School Budget.

Chairman Lawrence recognized Superintendent Moulis provided an executive summary handout and proceeded with an overview of the FY 26 Budget in the amount of \$69,577,219 and default budget of \$69,041,735. The Superintendent responded to questions from the committee regarding new positions, student enrollment and projections, anticipated grants, Special Education tuition. Requests for details on enrollment by grade and clarifications on the default budget ensuring all one-time expenditures were included in the calculation.

(0:45) Mr. Pratte joined the table to review the District Facilities budget and responded to questions from the committee on utilities, contracted services including grounds maintenance, window replacement project at Memorial, and electrical switches. Mr. Pratte then departed the table.

(1:10) Superintendent Moulis proceeded to review the District-Wide budget, responding to questions regarding Legal Services with a request by Chairman Lawrence for a breakout of those expenses, Federal Funds detailed in Tab 14.

(1:35) IT Director Peterson joined the Superintendent to review the Technology budget and responded to questions from the committee on equipment replacement, new devices for Grades 6 and 9, plan to replace the existing *Financial/HRIS System and Network Monitoring*.

Superintendent Moulis then summarized action items/follow-up information requests and presentations scheduled for the December 5 meeting. Chairman Lawrence thanked the Superintendent for his time and the Superintendent left the table.

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### **(2:00) H: Old Business**

Mr. Weissgarber posed a question on the status of the CTE STEM Exaction for the Hudson Logistics Center with Mr. Walsh commented that there was no update on this given the exaction will occur at the time of the Certificate of Occupancy for the Main Building which will occur some 18-24 months in the future and opined this should be a question posed at the December 5 meeting when Alvirne High School/CTE were set to present. Additional comment by Mr. Jasper regarding the process for receiving, accepting and accounting for the funds and how the School District's Auditor would make note of that process. Mr. Brownrigg further commented on a potential process for transferring those funds via a Warrant Article.

Mr. Walsh also commented that pending receipt of the Moderator's Election Report, that he may offer a motion to reconsider the purchase of the two Poll Pads on the Town Budget given the discussion and defeat of the motion at the November 21 meeting.

### **J: Other Business/Comments**

Mr. Weissgarber expressed interest in seeing if there is any potential changes to anticipated Federal Funds.

Mr. Brownrigg noted the dates of the Deliberative Sessions and Voting.

*Mr. Walsh noted the passing of former School Board Member Diana LaMothe and her contributions to the School District and community in general through her many involvements in fund raising.*

General comments from members thanking the presenters after a long day at the SAU Office.

### **K. Next Meeting – December 5, 2024 in the Buxton Conference Room**

### **(2:10) L. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Vice Chair Rice, seconded by Mr. Brownrigg Motion carried on a voice vote. Chairman Lawrence declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Walsh

Clerk

Reference Hudson Community Television video [Budget Committee Meeting – 12/04/2024](#)