

**Hill Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Jan. 8, 2020**

**Present:** Denise Robie, Paula McDonough, Kristen Cunningham, Charlie Estes, Jerry Desrochers, Bill Wilson, Charlie Henry, Shelly Henry (School Board), Tom Seymour (Selectman), Paul Meyerhoefer

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Mike Limanni (Business Administrator), Brian Connelly (Principal/Superintendent), Shawn O'Connor, Shaun Bresnahan, Chris Vlit

**Meeting Business**

Charlie Estes called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Minutes from 12/18/19 were distributed and reviewed. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes, Jerry seconded, vote was unanimous (7 in favor, 3 abstained because they weren't in attendance at the mtg.)

**Old Business**

Mike indicated that the tuition rate per student at JDBS is \$20,423.21. This figure came from the NH Dept. of Education for 2018-2019.

**New Business – Final Review of School District Budget**

Mike went over handouts pertaining to FY2020-2021 Revenue Estimates and the NH Dept. of Education State Avg. Cost per Pupil and Total Expenditures 2018-2019.

Shelly distributed the School District's proposed Warrant Articles.

Chris Vlit presented his breakdown of the School District's proposed FY2020-2021 budget. He subtracted the cost of tuitioning middle and high school students to the Newfound School District to determine the tuition rate per student at JDBS. He then used an 8/2018 quote from Bristol on the cost of tuitioning JDBS students to Newfound to arrive at a significantly reduced budget for FY2020-2021.

Paula asked who needs to initiate the process of looking into transitioning the town's elementary school students to the Newfound School District. Mike and Brian responded that a Petition Warrant Article would need to be initiated by the town.

Paula said she would like to see all depts. in the town freeze raises for 1 yr. Denise expressed her agreement.

Bill expressed his desire to have the Budget Committee take a look at the 2008 Capital Improvement Plan.

Charlie E. replied that the Budget Committee can make recommendations but that the Planning Board is the Committee that needs to drive this review. He also indicated that the Planning Board was unwilling to review both the Capital Improvement Plan and the Master Plan.

**Next Mtg. 1/15 @ 7:00pm**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Cunningham