

**Hill Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2020**

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Present: Tom Seymour (Selectperson), Carol Asher (School Board), Bill Wilson (Chairperson), Joann Irving, Betty Hanks, Don Moyer, Lee Hertirich, Marshall Bennett
Paul Meyerhoefer (Secretary)

Absent: Paula McDonough

Public: Bob Duprius **SAU:** Dr. Brian Connelly (District Administrator)
Mike Limanni (Business Administrator)

Meeting Minutes:

Bill opened meeting at 7:00

Workshop discussion on school budget was lead by Brian and Mike highlighting of how a budget works

School enrollment report sent to state in Oct. this report number represents monies town receives from state.

Numbers by Newfound sent to Hill in mid November for cost of student tuition

Special education needs currently have 21 students with 14 at Jenny Blake

7% of school budget goes to wages and compensation our wage compensation is more equal to that of Danbury School which is higher than Franklin and lower than Newfound

Function code numbers are set up by state to track spending in accounts

Food service is Federal Aid you don't want to subsidize services with tax dollars

Loose debt on Jeannie Blake School next year

Reviewed lines in 20-21 Budget proposal explaining what budget numbers mean and how they relate to total of funds for yearly budget

The audit and accounting for monies spent over the current year is done during month of September

Open discussion on funding of school

Raises over the past years have been given to retain current staff as well as to stay competitive with other schools in our area

Discussion on school funding and how this effects town Comments were made on both sides on moving forward leaving this for later discussion with whole community. Brian noted the school could accept up to 25 new students with no need for adding staff. Mike said enrollment of schools is at an all time low. Don made a comment as to how the board tells it's story he felt this would help with a better understanding of School Budget for the town Carol talked of the state Fair-Aid Funding committee is looking into a more equal use of monies across the entire state which could mean a increase in funding from the state

Next Meeting November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Meyerhoefer