

Sunapee School Board Budget Hearing

January 11, 2012

SMHS Media Center

Call to Order:

Shaun Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shaun Carroll, Chair
Judy Trow, Vice Chair
Kim Denney
Brian Garland
Edward Bailey - Absent

Others Present:

Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent
Ray Palin, Media Coordinator
Alan Pullman, SCES Principal
Mike Trojano, Business Administrator
Kelly Cornish, Financial Services Manager
Kate O'Connor, School Board Secretary
Wayne Palmer, Facilities Manager
Sean Moynihan, SMHS Principal
Spec Bowers, BAC
Ken Meyers, BAC
Shane Hastings, BAC
Gidget Ducharme, Public
Gene Hall, Public
Sue Gottling, Public

Brendan Minnihan began with a review of the warrant articles (See Attached). He then gave a budget overview (See Attached), explaining that the increase in the budget is due to three main factors:

- A \$324,000 increase in out of district tuition for special education students due to student's who have moved into the district or moved to different placements.
- A 1.5% increase in healthcare benefits; Sunapee still has one of the lowest health insurance premiums.
- The State is no longer contributing to retirement accounts, meaning the school districts have to make up for the shortfall.

Brendan Minnihan then handed the budget account lines for the 2012-2013 school year to the Board and BAC members.

Shane Hastings asked why the special education conference and travel line is up \$10,000 from this school year. Brendan Minnihan responded that the increase is bringing the account to what is actually spent.

The Board asked Brendan Minnihan to have Sunapee and NH special education comparisons ready at the Deliberative session as well as the pie charts he provided at the budget work session, so that the public will have visuals.

All budget articles were reviewed without question except for article #5 which is to raise \$50,000.00 towards fixing the roof at SMHS with said sum coming from the Capital Reserve fund which currently holds \$86,000.00.

Spec Bowers asked how soon the roof will need work again after it is fixed this time. Wayne Palmer explained that after this repair there will no longer be any shingles because they are switching to a standing seam.

The public asked questions on special education, staff development money and other capital facilities projects that are currently needed.

Brendan Minnihan and Mike Trojano expanded on the out of district budget costs as well as the types of conferences and trainings SAU staff attend. The Board explained the types of projects they are looking at completing in the future, including expanding the art room, enhancing the athletic fields and upgrading the science rooms.

After review all parties seemed pleased with the budget brought forth by the School Board.

Brendan Minnihan stated that if anyone has any questions, complaints or suggestions to please email him or call him at the SAU office.

Shaun Carroll called the budget hearing to a close at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kate O'Connor
Sunapee School Board Secretary

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

PROPOSED

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Sunapee qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium** located on 10 North Road in said Sunapee, New Hampshire on **Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7PM** for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to deliberate upon the articles, and to meet again at the **David Sherburne Gymnasium** located on Route 11 in said Sunapee, New Hampshire on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012 between the hours of 8AM and 7PM** for the second session of the Annual School District Meeting to vote by ballot upon the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year and to choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To hear reports of agents, auditors and committees or officers heretofore chosen.
3. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling Ten Million, Seven Hundred Thousand, Sixty-Five Dollars (\$10,700,065)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand, Ninety-Three Dollars (\$10,655,093), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$.38 / \$1,000)
4. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and place such funds into the School District Special Education Trust Fund? (There is currently \$237,022 in the Fund.)
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$.02 / \$1,000)

5. Shall the District appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000): to replace a section of the roof at Sunapee Middle High School? Said sum to come from the School Facilities Capital Reserve fund. (There is Currently \$86,000 in the Fund)
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$.00 / \$1,000)

6. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000): to provide for greater electrical distribution at Sunapee Middle High School?
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$.04 / \$1,000)

7. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000): to replace the bridge to the upper athletic field at Sunapee Middle High School?
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$.05 / \$1,000)

8. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000): said funds to be placed into the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund?
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$.09 / \$1,000)

9. Shall the District authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the School Board, to appoint a deputy treasurer?
(The School Board Recommends Approval) (Est. Tax Impact: \$0.00 / \$1,000)

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Sunapee on this _____ the day of _____, 2012.

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD:

 Shaun Carroll, Jr., Chair

 Kimberly Denney

 Judith Trow, Vice Chair

 Brian Garland

 Edward Bailey, Jr.

Budget Overview

The following pages contain important information about the 2012-2013 proposed budget. The total increase in the 2012-2013 operating budget reflects an increase of 3.49% compared to the 2011-2012 budget. Although the administration and school staff have worked hard to try to minimize the overall budget increase, several factors have contributed to it being at this level.

When thinking about the overall budget, there are several important pieces of information to keep in mind:

- ❖ On a positive note, our Guaranteed Maximum Rate (GMR) for health insurance premium increase is around 1.5%, which is better than the average GMR increase of 5.0% that the Local Government Center provided to school districts in the state. This reflects the overall wellness of our staff and our relatively low claims-to-cost ratio.
- ❖ However, for the current school year (2011-2012), the state further reduced its contribution level to the teacher portion of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS). Prior to 2010, the state funded 35% of the employer portion of the retirement fund. This level was reduced to 30% funding for the 2010-2011 year and 25% funding for the 2011-2012 year. In budget year 2012-2013, the state completely dropped its contribution to the teacher and employee portion of the New Hampshire Retirement System. This reduction has led to an increase in costs for both the employee and employer. For the Sunapee School District, this reduction from the state represents \$87,000 in additional expenses.

To highlight, some of the major causes for increases in the budget are:

• Increase in Out-of-District Tuition & Transportation	\$324,000
• Acquisition of New School Bus	\$49,000
• Increase in contribution to NHRS (Teachers)	\$87,000
• Increase in All Salaries and Benefits	\$87,000
• Increase in Oil & Diesel projected costs	\$36,000
• Increase in Electricity projected costs	\$8,000

Some areas of decrease in the budget are:

• Decrease in Paraprofessional	-\$24,000
• Decrease in Employee Retirement	-\$28,000
• Decrease in Health Insurance Premium	-\$13,000
• Decrease in amount of interest on bond	-\$13,000
• Decrease in Unemployment Compensation Insurance	-\$8,000
• Decrease in Print Media	-\$12,000
• Decrease in Projected Federal Funds	-\$29,000
• Decrease in Food Service Operations	-\$27,000