

## NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD March 8, 2017

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The budget workshop was held on March 8, 2017, at the Narragansett Town Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Ms. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Frank White, Clerk; Mr. Justin Skenyon and Ms. Rebecca Durkin.

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Peter Cummings, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Mr. Giulio Lugini, NPS Technology Coordinator; Mr. Derek Emery, NHS Technology Coordinator; Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations; Ms. MJ Gray, Secretary, Operations; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, NES; Ms. Ann Marie Zaborski, Assistant Principal, NES; Mr. Brian Tetreault, Assistant Principal, NPS; and Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal, NHS.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 5:35PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

### **FISCAL 2018 BUDGET:**

Technology: Mr. Derek Emery & Mr. Giulio Lugini, explained the Technology needs for the District for the 2017-2018 school year. Superintendent spoke about investing in CTE program moving forward to launch this pathway at NHS. Ms. Hagan noted that there is money already allocated in the budget at NHS for technology.

Transportation: Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations, and his secretary, Ms. MJ Gray addressed the Committee about the needs in this department as reflected in the Operations budget. An increase in the costs of employee drug testing is the biggest change. The working relationship with the Town is very good since they took over the bus repairs. They have been doing a terrific job. Operations is testing the School Dude format in order to better track the repairs and let the Town know what is coming. It is a good paper trail and documentation of what is being done. Costs for fuel, gas and water costs have all leveled.

Facilities & Grounds: Mr. Steve Gormley reviewed the budget and answered questions from the Committee about changes.

Capital Improvement Plan: Ms. Hagan and Dr. Cummings answered questions about the Capital Improvements and the long range items that they will be considering in this plan in the future.

District Wide Supports: Ms. Hagan and Dr. Cummings gave an overview about the budget for the district wide supports.

Fund Balance and Town Appropriation Request: In summary there will be a .59 % increase in state aid; tuitions for incoming students are up; and Medicaid reimbursement is level. This budget reflects a 3% investment in Capital Improvements and 81% of the budget goes to salaries and budgets. The Town Council passed a resolution last year recommending that the School Department have a 2% (\$591,202) fund balance.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

March 15, 2017  
March 27, 2017

Regular School Committee Meeting, Vote on Budget at 7:00pm  
Public Hearing on School Budget at 7:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.

**MOTION PASSED: (5-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk