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EPPING SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2011

The Epping School Board met with the Epping Budget Committee on August 17, 2011 in the Epping Town Hall. In attendance were the Epping Budget Committee Members; School Board Members Jeff Harris, Gregory Dodge, and Brian Reed; and Superintendent Barbara Munsey. The School Board was invited to the table at 7:00 pm.

The following items were reviewed and/or discussed.

1. 2010-2011 School Year Financials – the school district will return \$494,371 in fund balance. Approximately half is due to unanticipated revenue and prior year project expenditures either not done or done for less. The other half is due to under-expenditures primarily in salaries, benefits, special education, and utilities. Technology was also a focus of the district addressing infrastructure issues and providing technology to teachers. It was also reported that the Food Service Program finished the year in the black without a transfer from the general fund.
2. 2011-2012 District Model & Action Plan – the school district plan is aligning to Common Core State Standards, NH Public School Standards, NEASC Accreditation Standards, and 21st Century Framework.
3. 2011 Legislative Changes Impacting 2011-2012 – the school district reported on the changes in retirement in which the district had to hold back \$280,000 for unanticipated retirement costs. Last week the retirement rates changed again and the additional cost to the district is estimated to be \$100,000 as of August 1.
4. 2012-2012 Budget – the school district was asked about potential warrant articles for next school year's budget. Three articles were anticipated for fields, teachers' agreement, and an emergency generator. As to budgeting it was agreed that the school district would budget for what it needs. As a result no percentage figure was provided.
5. Other
 - a. E-Rate Approval – the committee would like to know if the district received its approval figure for e-rate.
 - b. ETV – the committee noted that the school is providing more program. It was recommended that the district look at the Newmarket program.

The School Board concluded their discussion with the Budget Committee at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara D. Munsey