

**Hopedale School Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
Monday, June 22, 2020**

Members Present: Lori Hampsch, Chair
 Alysia Butler, Vice Chair
 Lisa Alberto
 Jennifer McKeon
 Kristi Brytowski (member-elect)

Also Present: Karen Crebase, Superintendent
 Lynne Davis, School Accountant

By invitation of the Board of Selectmen, the members of the School Committee joined the Board's remote meeting at 7:00pm to discuss the school department's FY21 budget. At the request of the Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. McKeon made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Alberto, and approved unanimously, to open budget discussions at 7:10pm. Shortly thereafter, the selectmen recessed but asked all the invited boards and committees to continue discussions in their absence.

At approximately 8:07pm, the School Committee began discussions with members of the Finance Committee regarding their FY21 budget. The Finance Committee stated they were recommending a \$12,386,120 budget for the schools. After the members discussed the severe impact of such cuts, the Finance Committee agreed by consensus that they would accept a larger budget figure in their final recommendation to the residents. Mrs. Hampsch advised the boards and committees present that the School Committee would vote a final budget number at their Public Hearing on June 25th and then advise the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen of the certified amount. After lengthy discussions, the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen included a figure of \$12.7 million for the schools in their approved recommended budget.

At approximately 10:02 pm, the Board of Selectmen requested that each board and committee that was in attendance to discuss their FY21 budgets, vote to adjourn discussions. Mrs. Hampsch noted that the School Committee was not adjourning their meeting but rather continuing their meeting in the form of a budget workshop which would be recorded and posted on the Town website the following day. Upon a motion by Mrs. McKeon which was seconded by Mrs. Butler, the Committee voted unanimously to recess the meeting and to convene in a budget workshop.

The School Committee reconvened in a budget workshop at 10:11 pm to prepare for their Public Hearing and to determine a budget request to present to the Town. The members discussed the importance of supporting education especially at this time and determined by consensus to go forward with the recently recommended budget in the amount of \$12.7 million, which would include two professional days which had been removed previously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto which was seconded by Mrs. Butler, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McGuane, Recording Secretary
APPROVED: July 7, 2020