

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET/FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
February 14, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING 6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Jason Nowosad James Mello
 Sandra Tremblay Bert Bosse

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of School Robert Angeli, Al Vertefeuille, Robert Sirpenski,
Business Manager

1. Call To Order:

The Budget/Finance Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by J. Nowosad

2. Recommend 2017-2018 Budget

R. Sirpenski reported that the proposed budget has been decreased to 2.19%. Summer school staff has been reduced by \$10,000.00, nurse's spending at LMS has been reduced by \$1,800.00 and the health insurance expense has been reduced by \$19,200.00. Workers compensation and liability insurance have been reduced by \$10,200.00. Noncertified salaries for detention at the middle and high school have been reduced by \$3,500.00. Have no numbers for ECS funds. Superintendent Angeli noted that State grant funds are up in the air. The Governor's Budget Proposal restructures some items. It would decrease ECS funding. Unknown if the Town or the Board would receive Special Education grant. R. Sirpenski discussed several scenarios. Superintendent Angeli had sent the Governor's Proposed Budget via e-mail to members. Do not have final numbers from the State. The proposal of Towns contributing one third of the Teachers Retirement was discussed. This is not in the proposed budget. The MBR could also be cut. The tuition received last year was discussed. Per pupil costs were discussed. The Early School Readiness Grant could be impacted. J. Nowosad noted that we cannot do anything about the State numbers. We should manage our budget, not the Board of Finance. We should make reductions to programs. B. Bosse noted we have made changes before we present to the Board of Finance. S. Tremblay noted we have documented what we have cut. J. Nowosad noted we have to be clear on what work we have done. J. Mello believes 2.19% is fiscally responsible and does what is best for kids. Without cuts would have been 4%. J. Nowosad discussed replacing retiring teachers and class sizes at the elementary school. Grade levels were discussed. Moving staff was discussed. J. Nowosad does not want to appear that the Board is not managing the budget. B. Bosse noted that the starting point was 2.98, then 2.86, then 2.43 now 2.19. What is being presented tonight is what we should go with. Need to point out reductions. The budget can be reduced at Town Meeting. J. Nowosad noted that it needs to be stressed that we are supposed to manage the budget. B. Bosse commented that we should be able to defend our budget. Superintendent Angeli noted that he wants the Town to know that this budget is responsible to the community. There would be a negative impact with staff reductions and program reductions if any lower. The total increase is approximately \$417,000.00. The potential cuts from the State were discussed. R. Sirpenski noted if proposals go through there would be a total restructuring of the budget.

Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by J. Mello to recommend the proposed budget of \$19,470,871.00 which represents a 2.19% increase to the full Board. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Recommend 2017-2018 Capital Budget

Superintendent Angeli noted that Facilities, Technology and Athletics added some projects. The total is \$685,500.00.

4. Adjournment

Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by S. Tremblay to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Chapman
Board Clerk