

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 2019  
Town Office Building

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, S. Patch  
Others: D. Fulton, F. Mozea, D. Modestow, J. Houle, TMS, E. Crowe, B. Bennett, A. Kajstura, W. Powers, P. Gagarin, K. McFarland, B. Barshefsky, J. Pierce, S. Meyer, J. Corwin, E. Kurth

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

#### FY 20 SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY & FRONTIER SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

FRONTIER: Mr. Modestow and Ms. Houle from TMS discussed budget proposed which includes 1.96% increase in salaries for a total of: \$119,270; operational/transportation increase of \$185,924 for a total net change of 3.78% totaling: \$417,961. The revised funding formula proposed by the governor over 7 years ago shows assessment up of 0.28%. Discussion included employee/contractual obligations, student projections and courses/AP scholarships. Sunderland student population is difficult to project due to the transient population. Frontier will benefit from elementary school choice students moving up with an expected population of 650 students. E&D use and assessments were discussed. Mr. Bergeron thanked the budget development committee for their work.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Budget was distributed which reflects a School Choice deficit and possible reductions. Three IA position cuts were proposed which would be from the Horizons Program, along with transportation considerations, and a freeze on spending by the principal to offset expenses. Current proposal is \$193,679 over FY19. Kindergarten enrollment is at 22 students with 1 school choice sibling. Mr. Modestow noted 6<sup>th</sup> grade will need a second teacher. Funding of some teacher salaries have been coming from school choice funds and is not the best practice since those funds are not guaranteed. Changes will be in Horizon's program as well. Overall budget increase is 7.44%. Clarification was asked about the budget impact of the Horizons Program for tuition received; the impact of one teacher for the program notably not being adequate and the program sustainability. It was asked if an override was merited for the program and that the impact to the taxpayers should be considered. Discussion included use of School Choice funds, overall school financial health, impact on town budget. The Board, School Committee and Administration would like to continue review. An Elementary School Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday. The Town Clerk addressed the override date required for the ballot if that is moved forward. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked everyone for attending.

#### MINUTES

Motion Mr. Bergeron to accept Minutes of 03/04/2019, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 3-0.

#### PUBLIC WEIGHER APPOINTMENTS

- Motion Mr. Bergeron to appoint Public Weighers for Delta Sand and Gravel as presented, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 3-0.
- Motion Mr. Bergeron to appoint Public Weighers for All States Asphalt as presented, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Mr. Bergeron, Second Mr. Pierce to convene and return to public session to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bergeron: aye, Mr. Pierce: aye, Mr. Fydenkevez: aye, Vote 3-0 to enter into Executive Session at 8:50PM.

Reconvened to adjourn at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Patch".

Sherry Patch  
Town Administrator