

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD with FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 14, 2022

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz

Others present: K. McFarland, P. Gagarin, B. Barshefsky, L. Starr, W. Houle, J. Corwin, D. Modestow, S. Poreda, G. Gottschalk, "tia," C. Bennett, L. Forget- Finance Committee member; no quorum present.

Meeting: Hybrid in person and remote, recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept March 7, 2022 minutes, Mr. Pierce second, vote, 3-0.

BUSINESS

SES BUDGET PRESENTATION by Mr. Modestow and Ms. Poreda. Ms. Poreda explained how the budget is prepared and details of budget presented. Total request was reduced to 3.59% but has not been approved by the School Committee. Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Teacher contracts have not been finalized yet and details are under Executive Session until accepted by all parties.

FRONTIER REGIONAL BUDGET PRESENTATION by Ms. Poreda and Mr. Modestow. Budget is 3.64% and has been approved by the School Committee. Assessment is 5.91%. Teacher contracts have not been finalized yet and details are under Executive Session until accepted by all parties. Salaries and wages are always the budget driver and make up to 49% of the budget but does not include benefits. 5-year rolling average enrollment is 609 students which includes 172 school choice students as of October 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES:

- Ms. Drake-Tremblay-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE met tonight and recommended the following as presented by Town Administrator: 2.5% COLA and SMALL "LONGEVITY" AWARD FOR THOSE WITH 10 OR MORE YEARS of service. One-time yearly payment prorated by hours worked: 10-15 yrs.-up to \$200, 15-20 yrs.-up to \$300 and over 20 yrs.-up to \$500. JUNETEENTH is accepted as a state holiday and will be on the Town Meeting Warrant for acceptance. Mr. Fydenkevez has a SCEMS meeting tomorrow to discuss their budget. CPA meeting Wednesday.

- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

- Budget numbers suggest an override may be considered due to gap from department requests. Deadline for getting item on the ballot is Friday. Mr. Fydenkevez was not in favor of an override and feels budget can be addressed within current framework. More budget discussions will take place on next agenda.
- ARPA funds – request for eligibility of premium pay. Not a large number of communities are offering premium pay to employees.
- WARRANT ARTICLE DEADLINE SUBMISSION is Fri., March 18th.
- Construction started on the RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
- GARAGE ROAD SIDEWALK AWARD. Low quote was \$33,125 for the section from Rt 116 to North Silver Lane. Mr. Pierce motion to accept award the contract, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.
- SUNDERLAND EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM which was funded by CPA two years ago; \$50,000 award. Available for extension of remainder of funds that have not been used. CPA met February 9th to extend the program, with Selectboard approval. Mr. Pierce motion to sign to continue and expand the SUNDERLAND EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote: 3-0.
- Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022, 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 8:21PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz

Town Administrator