

**Town of Sullivan, NH  
Budget Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 30 2024  
Sullivan Town Hall**

Board members present: Al Merrifield, Chairman; Mike Blanchard, Gary Patnode, Bradford Smith, BJ Wahl;

Board Representatives: Dave Jakway, Selectmen; Paul Bolduc, Selectmen alt.; William Thorndike, School Board

Other: Virginia DeAngelis

Minutes: Paul Bolduc

**1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

On a motion by Al Merrifield, seconded by BJ Wahl the minutes of 01/9/2024 were unanimously accepted and approved as corrected (date in text).

**2. BUDGET REVIEW**

**A. Sullivan School District**

\$2,245,580 Increase 3.99%

Projected Census: 69 students

Tuition: \$1,620. 221 decrease of 9.01% from 2023 from 2023

Student Support Services: \$298,220 increase of 350% due to special needs services; Mike explained that many of these services are 1:1 and are required services states within student IEP's. More students are receiving them

Other School Board: \$20,500 Increase 60% - Stipend for Clerk was lowered to \$200 and Moderator increased.

Legal: \$10,000- increase 400%: – Audit being done by Federal Government; not required for a District of Sullivan's size. Will take several years.

Several policies need to be updated/ written which require legal advice.

Bookkeeper – increased to \$3000 increase 87.5%

SAU Management Services: \$44,200 Increase 4.25% - SPED Administrator salary

Total Business: \$675 increase 28.57%

Student Transportation: \$236,314 Increase \$9.87% - anticipating higher diesel costs, and additional alternative transport (Tucker Transportation).

Emergency Expendable Trust is below the \$300,000 funding level – Board asking for \$20,000 appropriation to add to this fund.

Discussion: G. Patnode noted that there is little that can be done to alter the budget for larger items such as tuition and transportation as these are fixed costs.

Chairman Merrifield noted that the Budget Committee will present the budget to the public as proposed.

**B. Selectmen's Budget**

Budget Committee returned to the Highway budget for discussion of vehicle repair and road reconstruction.

Preliminary recommendation:

On a motion by W. Thorndike, seconded by Mike Blanchard, and unanimously accepted by voice vote, the following changes were made to the current budget:

- Remove Vehicle Repair \$5000 to \$40,000
- Reduce Special Projects \$15,000 to \$70,000
- Reduce Capital Reserve for Highway Major Equipment by \$5,000 to \$35,000

The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be Tuesday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM; the Public Hearing will begin at 7:00PM.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM made by G. Patnode, seconded by BJ Wahl, all aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Bolduc, Secretary Pro Tem