

**Meeting of the
Candia Municipal Budget Committee
PUBLIC HEARING
Dec. 17, 2015
Smyth Public Library, Candia, NH**

Members Present: Chair Allyn Chivers, Dana Buckley, Mark Laliberte, Paul Leblond, Selectman's Rep. Carleton Robie

Members Absent: Matthew Broadhead, School Board Rep. Rebecca Cronk, Kevin Coughlin, Robert Stout.

Also in Attendance: Dr. Charles Littlefield, superintendent, Marge Polak, asst. superintendent, Karen Lessard, business administrator, Nicole Laflamme, school board chair, Matthew Woodrow, school board member

Chair Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Citizen Richard Snow asked what the major staff changes in this budget are. Laflamme said the district no longer has a common core coordinator, which was a three-year position. In addition, the anticipated reduction of students to 312 on Sept. 1, 2016, led to the reduction of one classroom teacher.

Snow then asked what the major increases in the budget were. Chivers said there were increases in the facilities line item, an increase in the cost of health insurance, and the SAU asking for more money for the Candia district's share in a computer and software upgrade.

Chivers then went through the school budget section-by-section.

Educational Media Services – Laflamme said they hired a new media generalist, who is paid at a lower rate than the previous media generalist.

Regular High School Tuition – Laflamme said the number is down as more kids are going to Pinkerton.

ALPS – Snow asked what the acronym stands for. Lessard said it stands for Advanced Learners Program.

Contracted Vision Services – Snow asked why this line item was cut. Laflamme said the student that needed the services is no longer at the school.

Regarding the final budget number, Lessard stated there is an increase of \$150 salary from previous reports. This represents Candia's portion of a defibrillator for the SAU offices.

Citizen Sharon DeWitt asked what the difference was between the SAU's proposed budget and the Candia School District's, the latter of which was lower. Laflamme said the major reduction involved the district's phone system. They are looking at changing the phone system process in the school, which they believe they can do better.

Chivers closed public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Discussion on Budget

Buckley asked if the grand total of expenditures in the budget does not include revenue from other sources, such as federal dollars or bus passes.

Motion: To approve the school boards's budget of \$7,802,005.06 (1st – Leblond, 2nd – Robie).
Approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes from Dec. 9, 2015, MBC meeting (1st – Robie, 2nd – Leblond)
Approved 5-0.

New Business

None.

Recess

Motion: Recess to a supplemental public meeting Jan. 13, 2016, at the town offices at 7:00 p.m. (1st – Laliberte, 2nd – Robie) **Approved 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.