

Lincoln Budget Board

1/25/20018 / 7:00 | Carl Brunetti

**Carl Brunetti Bob Turner Dave Hartley Paul Deutsch Bill
DiBiasio Maria Marcello Mike Babbitt Mike O'Connell Bill
McManus Rhonda Lacombe Felix Fernandes**

***if marked red this denotes absent**

The minutes of the November 9, 2017 Meeting were read and approved. Motion by Bill DiBiasio second by Dave Hartley

Correspondence:

Town Council was asked for the FY17 audit. They stated that it is not ready yet as the State of RI has changed the forms they are on order, the Town has asked for an extension.

Municipal Budget: no update

School Department: They are on target with the spending and below budget with medical. Currently, they are tracking to be right on target.

High School building project: Mike Babbitt had to recuse himself as Dimeo is bidding on the job. Mike O'Connell will step in as a budget board representative. Stage 2 design process is now completed and they are in the process of hiring project manager. The State is changing the requirements and they could "possibly" reimburse the Town for the money spent on the clerk of the works.

Article in the Valley Breeze states that we will be reimbursed 38 instead of the 35.

School Department overall has no issues with our 15 year historical staffing, enrollment, and overall cost numbers. How to manage going

forward will be the challenge. Average annual increase over the past eleven years has been 1.2%. Staffing needs to be changed due to the declining enrollment. We should be thinking of tying staffing to enrollment. Redistricting is always an option and may be the answer.

Cost per pupil should be calculated to reflect all cost. Ride states there was an 81 pupil increase in the October 2017 enrollment; these numbers are provided by the School Department. We have reached out to Kristine to verify this. Mike O is looking to have more structure to the budget process with the school department. WE will need to establish outlines to follow.

School Department Capital projects:

Central New roof 850K

HVAC Lonsdale has no system currently 250K

Landscaping project at Northern no \$\$\$ yet.

Intercom systems at all the elementary school 20K per school, per Dave Hartley

Superintendent asking for \$56,428,300.00 5.5% over the current budget!

Positions they are currently seeking: Superintendent, Business Operator, Business Manager, Social Services and a Dean of Student, Principal of Middle School.

BUSINESS

Open meeting laws 48hour notice must be business days. Filing of minutes must be within 35 Days

Fred Hoppe has been given the position of Dean of Students according to the letter from the interim Principal.

New contract is with a HSA for the new staffing for medical.

School Committee meeting is 1/29/2018 for the Budget.

Public Comment

Phil Architectural Firm is going to present to RIDE 1/26/2018

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Bill DiBiasio Seconded Motion Dave Hartley

Time 8:20

2/1/2018 at 7:00 Lincoln Town Hall regular meeting

Guest: none currently

2/15/18 at 7:00 Lincoln Town Hall regular meeting

Guest: Joe Almond presenting the Budget