

Lincoln Budget Board

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**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**

Budget presented by Town Administrator. Fred Hoppe gave applauds for the Budget Board, School Committee and Town Administrator and John Ward for taking every line into consideration before adjustments were made.

The minutes of the February 1, 2018 Meeting were read and approved.

Motion by Bob Turner second by Mike O'Connell one abstention by Dave Hartley

Correspondence: Carl's emails any questions asked to the school department none have been replied to.

Public Comment: None

Budget Presentation: Budgets received by both School and Municipal.

We will need break down of numbers from the school department on the State portion.

Mike O updated the historical charts on the school staffing, spending and cost. Mike distributed to BB member prior to the meeting.

The number of classroom teachers is one area that may need further review. Accounting statements show 171 teachers for 151 positions

this will need a closer look.

Budget Strategy: What is the approach that we are going to be taking.

Study in detail difference with recommendations 400K vs 1.9 school committee wanted difference of 1.4MM

Maybe a reallocation of surplus was mentioned by the Town Administrator

Budget responsibilities if you want something else let Carl know.

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Municipal Budget: Budget presented by Town Administrator

School Department: Fred Hoppe Dean of Students and 11 Teachers were present for the meeting no comments by any of the teachers. Fred did speak as referenced above.

High School building project: Status, out to bid. All companies should have the bids in for the high school by the end of March, once awarded the project will have a begin date of April. There is an increase of 1.4 MM for an owner's project manager (OPM) in place of the clerk of the works. 49MM is the budgeted cost of the construction. Question was raised on the rationale for the OPM vs clerk of the work but it has already been discussed and the committee voted to adopt the OPM option. RIDE supports using an OPM...uncertain if the added expense could be covered by RIDE.

School Department Capital projects: All projects still the same in the Budget as quoted.

New Business:

The Board will be inviting the School Committee as we do yearly to

mutually understand what the needs are. How can we improve the spending and where the short fall is?

The open meeting new laws does include the budget board and when we have meetings that are more than 35 days apart for approving the minutes an unapproved copy will be posted and replaced after voted on.

Public Comment

none

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Dave Hartley, Seconded by Bob Turner Time: 8:35

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2/22/18 at 7:00 Lincoln Town Hall regular meeting