

## **Warrant Committee Minutes**

Southwest Harbor Monday February 7, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## via Zoom

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call Chair Don Lodge called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Present were Warrant Committee members Alan Rosenquist, Carl Wrubel, John Williams, Ellen Pope, Lydia Goetze, Jim Valette and Priscilla Ksionzyk. Also present were Michelle Gurtler (Pemetic Principal), Michael Zboray (District Superintendent) and Nancy Furlow.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda Adopted as written, motion Ellen, second Carl. Passed 8-0-0
- III. Approval of Minutes of 2/3: Approved as written, motion by John, second by Ellen. Passed 8-0-0.
- IV. Meeting with school personnel.
  - A. General discussion of revenue: some revisions to the budget in-hand were noted based upon updated estimate of state subsidy, changed total Town appropriation to \$3,680,012. Resulting in increase per \$100K assessment of \$34.52. Overall budget increase of 2.99%,
  - B, Overall salary increase is 9.5%.
  - C. Pre-K to go to full day this year, at total budgeted cost of \$89,819. All Pre-K classes will be at Pemetic this year, so we will be reimbursed by Tremont, amount to be determined. WC pointed out that the reimbursement number must be added as income somewhere in the budget.
  - D. It was noted that EdTech salaries are not based on the grade of the Tech, but vary with the person's experience and longevity.
  - E. Nurse services were previously contracted from MDI Hospital @ \$65,866; this year a full-time nurse will be hired, cost \$82,000. Increase of \$16,134.

- F. Technology Integrator increase by approx. \$6000; school personnel point out that they believe this position is a highly valuable one, determining equipment to purchase/use, and assisting teachers to apply technology in the classroom.
- G. \$150,000 previously budgeted for potential ADA revisions to entry has been transferred to replacement of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows (some non-operable, some leaking.) School is obtaining more firm pricing from Mainely Vinyl, so this number will be adjusted.
- H. Tentative overall budget \$4,346,782. Final vote by school committee to be held in near future. WC decided not to hold firm vote on budget until final figures are known (expected prior to WC summation meeting 2/28), but consensus is that generally, school budget is acceptable, and expected to be approved. John (is substitute teacher) and Jim (wife works at District) recused themselves.

## V. Other Business

- A. Schedule for 2/16 meeting with Highway Dept., Fire Chief, Town Manager (admin items)
- VI. No motion for adjournment, meeting completed by common assent @ 7:05 PM.