

.SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 12
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053

5 A concurrent meeting of the School Administrative Unit No. 12 School Board and the Londonderry School District School Board was held on **Thursday, January 8, 2015** at 7:00PM at the Londonderry Town Office, Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. In attendance were School Board members: Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Hendricks, Mr. Laferriere, Mr. Lekas, and Mr. Young. Also in attendance were Budget Committee members: Ted Combes, Bill Mee, Mark Aronson and Tim
10 Siekmann. Also in attendance were Superintendent Nate Greenberg, Business Administrator Peter Curro and School Board Secretary, Lisa Muse.

1. **Call To Order:** Mrs. Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

15 2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Combes led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Questions, Announcements and Presentations**

20 3.1 **Filing Period for Candidates – First Day is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and Last Day is Friday, January 30, 2015. The following positions are open:**

- **Two (2) School Board Members – 3 year term**

25 **To make arrangements to file, please contact Mrs. Mary Wing Soares, School District Clerk at (603) 247-1679. Mrs. Soares will be at the School District Office from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on Friday, January 30, 2015, for the purpose of final filing.**

30 3.2 **Petition Warrant Articles – The last day to present Petition Warrant Articles is Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

4. **Consent Agenda:** *Mr. Laferriere made the motion to open the consent agenda. Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.*

35 4.1 **Retirement(s):**

Nancy Faucon	Food Service Director	High School
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40 4.2 **Minutes: December 9, 11, 16 and 18, 2014:**
Motion to accept the 12/9/14 minutes made by Mr. Laferriere; seconded by Mrs. Hendricks. Motion passed 5-0-0

Motion to accept the 12/11/14 minutes made by Mr. Laferriere; seconded by Mr. Young. Motion passed 3-0-2

45 *Motion to accept the 12/16/14 minutes made by Mr. Laferriere; seconded by Mr. Lekas. Motion passed 5-0-0*

Motion to accept the 12/18/14 minutes made by Mr. Laferriere; seconded by Mr. Lekas. Motion passed 4-0-1

4.3 Meetings:

5	January 13, 2015	Adult Ed Graduation	6:30PM	LHS Cafe
	January 15, 2015	Budget Public Hearing	7:00PM	Town Offices
	January 20, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00PM	Town Offices
	February 6, 2015	Deliberative Session	7:00PM	LHS Café
	February 17, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00PM	Town Offices

10 **5. Deliberations**

5.1 To see what action(s) the Board will take regarding the appropriation for the General Fund Operating Budget to be forwarded to the Budget Hearing on January 15, 2015:

15 The proposed budget stands at \$67,524,153 which is a 1.58% increase or an increase of \$1,051,691 over the FY15 budget and is \$382,264 below the default budget of \$67,906,417 (please note salary increases for teachers and allied health are not included in either budget number and are included in the warrant as Articles III and IV) In a non-contract year, those items would be included in both the proposed budget and default budget. Thus, in our case, the proposed budget would still be below default budget by \$382,264. Articles related to proposed teacher contract, proposed allied health and architectural fees for auditorium have already been recommended by the board. As additional background information for the boards consideration, the proposed budget was reduced by \$1,382,297 from administrative requests of which \$563,472 is the net reduction of personnel adjustments, \$160,476 represents shifts to capital reserve and \$666,548 are cuts in a vast array of areas. This is represented in the attachments one and two which are provided. Attachment three represents a list of reductions and a revenue increase amounting to \$1,004,301 (\$47,390 short of level funding) for the Board's consideration at our meeting tonight. We received notice between last meeting and this meeting that we have received an additional tuition student. Tuition revenue next year will generate over \$1 million. Mr. Young asked if the warrant article Mr. Greenberg selected to remove from the budget was the capital reserve and if this is the fund we established to avoid any future bonds? Mr. Curro said that \$160,476 of admin request and equipment was taken out of general fund budget and was designated to be funded through the capital reserve fund. Mr. Greenberg said it is Article 8. Mr. Curro said that if that article was part of the motion to reduce the tax rate in theory the district would not have funds to buy new or replacement equipment in FY16. If that capital reserve fund is removed then the equipment gets defunded. Warrant article says it has a tax impact of zero because we have a surplus of money that can be used. If we eliminate this one item then the funds would be returned. Mr. Greenberg mentioned what is in the packet is new/swap – staff requests, budget reductions and the specific line items that would effect Article 2. Mr. Young read through all the line items at all 3 levels for the reductions for the public's information. Mr. Greenberg went line by line and explained each category. Mr. Greenberg said that we have to look at the long term and meet our college and career ready goals. Colleges are looking for whether or not students are participating in co-curricular activities and these become very important to defining a child's college acceptance. In regard to the coaching, we have had growth in these areas and the children need appropriate supervised co-curricular experiences. In regard to books, we generally replace every 8-10 years and are for dual courses. Supplies are key components of how we run the school. There has been a significant increase in cost of supplies. Mr. Greenberg reminded us that eight teaching positions have been reduced for the upcoming year while taking class size and ensuring the best opportunities are still provided to the students. Mr. Greenberg is not recommending any items on the list and thinks he has presented a fair budget that

allows us to advance our goals. Mr. Laferriere asked Mr. Greenberg how much we have had to absorb from the State. Mr. Greenberg said the State was picking up 35% of NH Retirement and now it's picking up zero. Mrs. Hendricks asked which HS electives would be eliminated. Mr. Greenberg said we would look at enrollment in the programs and the ones with lower numbers would probably be affected, but once we start doing that we start to affect other classes making those classes larger and start to affect the student. Mrs. Reilly asked about the regular bus price of \$47,694....why so high? Mr. Curro mentioned that is because we are contracted through STA and that includes bus, driver, gas, maintenance. Enrollment does not drive the bus, but time constraints and number of stops. Mr. Greenberg mentioned that we have 1642 stops for all the schools one way. Mr. Siekman asked if Article 3 and 4 don't pass then do the teachers go a year without an increase and no contract. Mr. Curro said yes. Donna Traynham, 11 Faucher Road, is a parent of three children in the school system. She was there to talk about the instructional assistant cuts. She moved here because of the school system. She felt eventually these cuts will start to hurt. She felt that college readiness has a place at an early learning level. Asking teachers to do all this on their own is asking a lot. She felt we will not see growth in test scores and the teachers will be overwhelmed and they will move to a different district where they get better resources. Mrs. Traynham provided the School Board with a copy of her concerns. Mrs. Hendricks agreed with all Mrs. Traynham has to say and mentioned that she advocates for the assistants also. Mrs. Reilly wanted to know how do we ensure that the children that need extra don't get lost along the way. Mr. Greenberg explained how using certified staff members and how they are going to be working to help the teachers. Mr. Laferriere mentioned that he went to Matthew Thornton and spoke with Mrs. Putney and sat in a 1st grade class and he is comfortable with how things are going to change to work without instructional assistants. He understood that change is hard, but he felt that the plan is consistent and children will not fall through the cracks. Mr. Laferriere felt the position is rational and he has to support what he is hearing because it sounds logical although to be difficult. ***Mr. Young motioned to move the Superintendent's proposed budget of \$67,524,153 to the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Laferriere. All in favor 5-0-0.***

5.2 To see what action(s) the Board will take regarding the proposed Warrant Articles to be forwarded to the Budget Hearing on January 15, 2015: Mrs. Reilly mentioned that three of the articles have already moved. Mrs. Reilly opened the discussion on Article 3. Budget Committee asked to see the details and Mrs. Reilly read Article 3 to them. Mr. Curro provided a handout with detailed information. The Budget Committee confirmed the cost of year one and year two. Mr. Aronson asked about the increase of \$75 for non-use of sick leave. It is going from \$200 to \$275. The board will come back later if they have any questions. Mrs. Reilly read Article 4 regarding Allied Health Professionals. Mr. Greenberg described Article 5: Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items.

Article 5: Authorizatioin for Special Meeting on Cost Items:
Mr. Laferriere motioned to move Article 5 to the Budget Hearing, Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 6: School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects:
Mr. Young motioned to move Article 6 to the Budget Hearing, Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Laferriere asked, "Do we really want this?" Mr. Greenberg said it allows us to get federal money. ***Motion passed 5-0-0.***

Article 7: Special Article (School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund):
Mr. Young motioned to move Article 7 to the Budget Hearing, Mr. Lafferiere seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 8: Special Article – Equipment Capital Reserve Fund:

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Mr. Laferriere motioned to move Article 8 to the Budget Hearing, Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Young mentioned all of the articles are on the website.

Article 9: Auditorium Architectural and Engineering Costs:

Mrs. Reilly read this article and mentioned that it has already been moved to the budget hearing. She asked if the Budget Committee had any questions at this time, and they replied not right now.

Article 10: Co-Curricular and Athletic Stipends:

Mr. Laferriere motioned to move Article 10 to the Budget Hearing, Mr. Leks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Bill Mee asked if these are existing positions being funded by outside sources. Mr. Soucy said these have been done by volunteers and we want these positions to become part of the teaching staff. Mr. Sobolov stated that the hockey assistant is funded by the Booster Club. *Motion passed 5-0-0.*

6. Adjournment: Mrs. Hendricks made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Leks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:28PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Muse
School Board Secretary