

Town of Lyme  
Budget Committee  
PO Box 126  
1 High Street  
Lyme NH 03768  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Conference Room & Zoom  
Approved: January 11, 2023

Budget Committee Members: John Biglow, Jennifer Boylston (School Board Representative), Judith Brotman (Select Board Representative), James Graham, Richard Jones (chair), Sue MacKenzie, Wilkes McClave, Bill Malcolm and Brian Spence. Administrator: Dina Cutting. School Staff: Interim Superintendent: Frank Perotti. Principal: Jon D'Entremont. Coordinator of Business Services: Janet Mitchell.  
School Board members: Jonathan Voegle (Zoom), Elizabeth Glenshaw and Vince Berk.

1. At 7:00PM Chair Jones called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. McClave moved to approve the minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Budget Committee meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. The budget committee and school board members introduced themselves.
4. School: Interim Superintendent Frank Perotti reviewed the slides prepared by the school finance committee. (See attachment) The following topics were discussed:
  - Current working assumption
  - Budgeting accordingly
  - How the bridge construction may affect transportation to TA.
  - Coding changes within the budget
  - Highschool and special education trusts relied on in the planning for FY2023
  - Utilities are up and electricity significantly increased
  - Health insurance increases
  - Highschool tuition
  - Long term planning
  - Replacement of flooring-The School board is looking for recommendation as to how best to accomplish this task- i.e., bond to do is all at one time or 3 classrooms each year. There is asbestos in the flooring beneath that will need to be removed and taken care of.
  - Administrative changes
  - Teacher contract negotiations will happen in this budget cycle
  - Capital Reserve and Trust funds were discussed
  - Long term strategic plan
  - Food services

- Cost increases over the past 5 years
- Mr. Berk briefly spoke to a statement he sent to Chair Jones (See attachment)
- The School Board was asked to take a hard look at this budget. An 8.18% increase is difficult at this time.

5. At 9:03PM Mr. Graham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully,

Dina Cutting