

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #34
Deering, Hillsboro, Washington and Windsor

**HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 6:15pm

VIRTUAL LOCATION:

<https://zoom.us/j/92695515546?pwd=Y2wOZzd0dE1CMjNveVdOVUZOUY2JmQT09>

Meeting ID: 926 9551 5546

Passcode: 192383

Audio by Phone Only: 888 475 4499 US Toll-free; Meeting ID: 926 9551 5546

The mission of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board is to articulate and develop the educational goals of the community and to allocate community resources effectively and responsibly. It strives to create with educational professionals, a dynamic learning environment in which all students are inspired to realize their individual potential, learn critical academic skills, develop intellectual curiosity and moral courage, and prepare to be active citizens.

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kathryn McGinn

Chris Bober

Paul Plater

Rich Pelletier

Herla Iadonisi

Administration:

Patricia Parenteau, Superintendent

Jennifer Crawford, Director of Curriculum
Instruction and Assessment

Mary Henry, Business Administrator

Stacey Vazquez, Director of Student Support Services

Jeni Laliberte, Lower HDES Principal

Donna Furlong, Upper HDES Principal

Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal

Marc Peterson, MS Principal

Patrick West, MS Assistant Principal

A. Call Public Budget Hearing to Order

- a. Chair McGinn called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:21pm
- b. As Chair of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

1. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:
 - a. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.
 - b. ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 888 475 4499 and Meeting ID: 930 5243 6124, or by clicking on the following website address:
<https://zoom.us/j/92695515546?pwd=Y2wOZzd0dE1CMjNveVdOVUZOUY2JmQT09>
 - c. Meeting ID: 926 9551 5546
 - d. Passcode: 192383
2. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:
 - a. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board at: <https://www.hdsd.org/>
3. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:
 - a. If anybody has a problem, please call Carol Fogarty or email at: cfogarty@hdsd.org.
4. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:
 - a. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Roll call attendance - each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

i. Roll

1. Kathryn McGinn - Present
2. Chris Bober - Present
3. Paul Plater - Present
4. Rich Pelletier - Present
5. Herla Iadonisi - Present (Late)

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

- a. Chair McGinn led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

C. Presentation of FY22 Hillsboro-Deering School District Budget and Warrant

- a. Full presentation can be found online
- b. Goals of the HDSB Board
- c. Article 1
 - i. Election of Officers
 - ii. Two School Board Members at large for 3-year terms
 - iii. One Moderator for a 1-year term
- d. Article 2
 - i. Compensation of School Board and Other Officers
 - 1. School Board Chair - \$1,800
 - 2. School Board Members - \$1,000 each
 - 3. School Treasurer - \$3,400
 - 4. District Clerk - \$100 per meeting
 - 5. Moderator - \$90 per year
 - 6. Ballot Clerks - \$10 each per voting session
- e. Article 3
 - i. Hillsboro-Deering School District Operating Budget approved by HDSB on 1/4/21: \$23,640,619
 - ii. Does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately (except article 2)
 - iii. If article is defeated, operating budget will be \$23,761,766
 - iv. Budget Key Factors
 - 1. NH Retirement System
 - 2. Teacher CBA
 - 3. Support Staff CBA
 - a. Total Increase is \$426,424
 - 4. Proposed vs. Default Budget
 - a. See attached Sheet
 - 5. Budget Summary
 - a. Proposed FY 2022 Budget - \$23,640,619
 - b. Proposed FY 2022 Budget with SAU - \$24,659,061
 - c. FY 2021 Budget - \$24,207,549
 - d. Proposed Increase - \$451,512
 - e. Percent Increase - 1.87%
- f. Article 4
 - i. Funds from State and Federal Aid
 - ii. Food Service - \$700,000
 - iii. Federal and State Projects -\$1,162,000
 - iv. Total - \$1,862,000

- v. These appropriations have offsetting revenues from school lunch sales and state and federal revenues and do not affect the tax rate.
- g. Article 5
 - i. SAU #34 Budget
 - 1. Hillsboro-Deering Apportionment - \$1,018,442
 - 2. Total SAU #34 Budget - \$1,202,033
 - 3. Includes contractual raises and an increase for non-contracted employees
 - 4. Washington and Windsor also assigned apportionments
 - 5. Majority vote of all the school district voters - Hillsboro, Deering, Washington, and Windsor
 - 6. If Defeated, Hillsboro-Deering Apportionment is \$1,004,279 (a difference of \$14,163) and Total SAU Budget is \$1,185,316
- h. Article 6
 - i. Appropriate \$50,000 to the HVAC Expendable Trust Fund from any unreserved fund balance available at the end of the FY 2020-2021
 - ii. Only occurs if budget has a positive ending balance
 - iii. Used for repairing or replacing school heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) components
- i. Article 7
 - i. Appropriate \$50,000 to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund from any unreserved fund balance available at the end of the FY 2020-2021
 - ii. Only occurs if budget has a positive ending balance
 - iii. Used to fund mandatory unanticipated Special Education expenses
- j. Article 8
 - i. Appropriate \$10,000 to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund from any unreserved fund balance available at the end of the FY 2020-2021
 - ii. Only occurs if budget has a positive ending balance
 - iii. Used to purchase new or replace existing technology
- k. Article 9
 - i. Appropriate \$10,000 to the Paving Expendable Trust Fund from any unreserved fund balance available at the end of the FY 2020-2021
 - ii. Only occurs if budget has a positive ending balance
 - iii. Used to purchase new or repair existing paving
- l. Article 10
 - i. Appropriate \$10,000 to the School Roofs Expendable Trust Fund from any unreserved fund balance available at the end of the FY 2020-2021
 - ii. Only occurs if budget has a positive ending balance
 - iii. Used to purchase new or repair existing roofs

- m. Article 11
 - i. Retain up to 5% Contingency Fund
 - ii. Adopt RSA 198:4-b, II to allow the school district to retain up to 5%
 - iii. To be used to reduce the tax rate or as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and over expenditures (RSA 32:11)
 - iv. This retained fund balance is not cumulative
- n. Article 12
 - i. Accept the reports of agents, committees and offices chosen as printed in the Annual Report

D. Voting Sessions

- a. Deliberative Session
 - i. Saturday, January 30, 2021 @ 9:00am
 - ii. Location TBD
- b. Ballot Voting
 - i. Hillsborough Voters
 - 1. 7:00am-7:00pm
 - 2. Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Gymnasium
 - ii. Deering Voters
 - 1. 8:00am-7:00pm
 - 2. Deering Town Hall

E. Public Comments and Questions

- a. Segedy
 - i. The presentation slides were not available in the materials, so we were limited to what you chose to show us
 - ii. Need to make sure paper copies are available at all meetings
 - iii. It's not clear from what was said about staff cuts differs from what was said in the papers.
 - 1. Is the music position cut?
 - a. No, it was not cut.
 - iv. Warrant Articles
 - 1. The comment that you make every year that these do not affect taxes is misleading
 - a. It does not entail an increase in taxes, but the money would reduce the taxes that are raised the following year. So It does affect the tax rate and the taxes that people are going to be paid the following year.
 - 2. The warrants that were published did not include the warrant for the RSA - This was not published correctly.
 - a. Questions if this can be put to the voters

- 3. The different Trust fund warrant articles should say “up to” otherwise you can only appropriate that exact amount.
- v. The budget comparison that you presented is not clear.
 - 1. The budget for last year, you included the warrant articles and the budget for this year does not.
 - 2. People should be able to see the true operating budget for an accurate comparison
- vi. The default budget should include the proposed staffing cuts. They are included in the default budget, but you are not going to have that cost moving forward.
- vii. The warrant article about holding on to the surplus - You need to show a few years of trustworthiness under the new superintendent to show the taxpayers that the money will be used appropriately.
 - 1. If you are going to use the money in the same year you put it in the trusts, it should be in the operating budget.
- viii. The format of this meeting is not acceptable.
 - 1. We have a right to know who else is attending the public meeting.
 - 2. Will request Under 91:A a full list of all attendees and the full recording of this meeting.
- b. Travis Horion
 - i. Is a resident of Deering
 - ii. Would like a breakdown of why the residents of Deering will be paying \$7,000 more per student when there are fewer students attending the school.
 - iii. Feels that this isn’t fair for the Deering taxpayers
- c. Chris Carr
 - i. Wanted to see if the chat box was open, but it’s disabled.

F. Close Public Hearing

- a. Chair McGinn closed the Public Hearing at 7:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Fleagle

PROPOSED VS. DEFAULT BUDGET



	FY 2022 Proposed Budget	Default Budget	\$ Difference
Regular Programs	\$ 8,401,695.83	\$ 8,536,958.80	\$ 135,262.97
Special Programs	\$ 5,628,324.81	\$ 5,604,643.23	\$ (23,681.58)
Vocational Programs	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -
Student Activities	\$ 384,965.04	\$ 383,499.44	\$ (1,465.60)
Student Services	\$ 2,266,940.88	\$ 2,254,577.88	\$ (12,363.00)
Media / Technology	\$ 1,070,890.06	\$ 1,039,723.15	\$ (31,166.91)
Staff Development	\$ 145,835.50	\$ 161,581.00	\$ 15,745.50
General Admin (SAU Level)	\$ 251,703.80	\$ 287,119.80	\$ 35,416.00
School Admin	\$ 1,270,935.34	\$ 1,246,464.78	\$ (24,470.56)
Facility	\$ 2,239,768.89	\$ 2,272,816.06	\$ 33,047.17
Transportation	\$ 1,079,433.45	\$ 1,074,256.94	\$ (5,176.51)
Debt Service	\$ 790,125.00	\$ 790,125.00	\$ -
Transfer to Food Service	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Operating Budget	\$ 23,640,618.60	\$ 23,761,766.08	\$ 121,147.48