

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:30pm
HD Middle School Cafetorium
Also Livestreamed at: <https://vimeo.com/event/1656925>

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:
Herla Iadonisi, Chair
Paul Plater
Jessica Morris
Chris Bober
Heidi Welch

Administration:

Patricia Parenteau, Superintendent
Jennifer Crawford, Director of Curriculum
Instruction and Assessment
Mary Henry, Business Manager
Stacey Vazquez, Director of Student Support Services
Donna Furlong, Upper HDES Principal
Jeni Laliberte, Lower HDES Principal
Jim O'Rourke, HDHS Principal
Marc Peterson, HDMS Principal

- A. Call Public Budget Hearing to Order @ 6:31pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
 - a. Public announcement - the meeting is being audio recorded and will appear on the district website, www.hdsd.org and livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/1656925>
- C. Presentation of FY23 Hillsboro-Deering School District Budget and Warrant
 - a. Full Presentation can be found online.
 - b. Warrant Articles
 - i. Article 1 - Election of Officers
 - ii. Article 2 - Compensation of School Board Officers
 - 1. John Segedy
 - a. Would like an explanation on why the compensation on Article 2 has gone up.
 - b. Would also like an explanation of what the Treasurer does.
 - i. Answer
 - 1. The previous salary of the Treasurer was \$3,500. It has been 17 years since the salary of the treasurer has been adjusted.
 - 2. Among other things, Every two weeks the treasurer is responsible for approving the payroll.
 - 2. Riche Colcombe

- a. Is disappointed that it has been 17 years since the treasurer was given a raise and feels that \$5,000 is not enough.
- iii. Article 3 - Hillsboro-Deering School District Operating Budget
 - 1. \$23,875,573
 - 2. If this article is defeated, the budget will be \$23,724,145
 - a. Riche Colcombe
 - i. Would like an explanation on the costs associated with transportation
 - ii. Why are we spending \$1,000,000 in transportation?
 - 1. Answer
 - a. Busses and specialized transportation vehicles are needed for our student population.
 - b. We have a contract with the bussing companies.
 - iii. Most of the 2020-2021 school year the students were not being bussed to school, why did we still pay for the buses?
 - 1. Answer
 - a. Most of the time during this year, we were doing a hybrid model, so the buses were still running.
 - iv. In the 2020-2021 school year the Board carried money over to build a new playground.
 - 1. Answer
 - a. No, this money was not carried forward to the subsequent fiscal years.
 - v. The deliberative session the Board showed the positions that needed to be eliminated to reduce the budget.
 - 1. Answer
 - a. The resource officer position was cut from the school budget so that another teacher position was not eliminated in the budget. The Board was transparent in this process, and the town agreed to share the expense of providing a resource officer to the schools.
- iv. Article 4 - Funds from State and Federal Aid
 - 1. Food Services - \$ 700,000
 - 2. Federal and State Projects - \$1,162,000
 - a. John Segedy
 - i. Is Medicaid included in this?

1. No, this is a reimbursement for the services that we provide. This would be found under revenues.
- v. Article 5 - SAU #34 Budget
1. Hillsboro-Deering Apportionment - \$1,023,413
 2. Total SAU Budget - \$1,209,921
 - a. John Segedy
 - i. The SAU Board does have the power to not enter into multi-year contracts.
 - ii. Calls on the Board to go back to 1-year contracts
 - iii. A change could be made to the SAU budget if the exact same change was made in all three districts.
- vi. Article 6 - Hillsboro-Deering Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement
1. Increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing level
 2. Fiscal Year Estimated Increases
 - a. 2022-2023 - \$300,000
 - b. 2023-2024 - \$314,006
 - c. 2024-2025 - \$326,955
 - i. Riche Colcombe
 1. How many teachers are going to be affected by this agreement?
 - a. Answer
 - i. All of the teachers that are under contract with the district. (109 teachers)
- vii. Article 7 - Authorize School Board to call a Special Meeting if Article 6 is defeated
- viii. Article 8 - Appropriate \$50,000 to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund
1. Only occurs if the budget has a positive ending balance.
 2. Used to fund mandatory unanticipated Special Education expenses
 - a. John Segedy
 - i. Wants to clarify that the money used to fund the warrant articles is not free money, it is money that could be returned to the taxpayers to offset the tax increase the following year.
- ix. Article 9 - Appropriate \$150,000 to the School Building Maintenance Trust Fund
1. Only occurs if the budget has a positive ending balance.
 2. Used to fund facilities and grounds maintenance expenses.
 - a. John Segedy
 - i. This fund was sold to the Taxpayers that the money in this fund would only be used for emergencies.

- ii. A clear and fair way to do this would be to start a new trust fund and be clear to the public that it would be used for capital improvement projects.
 - 1. Answer
 - a. There is no language in this trust that this fund is to be used only for emergencies.
 - b. Riche Colcombe
 - i. Do we already have a School Building Maintenance Trust?
 - 1. Answer
 - a. Yes
 - ii. I do not see this trust listed on the annual report.
 - a. Answer
 - i. It is there, the auditors check this every year.
 - ii. Mary will look into why this trust seems to be missing from the report.
 - x. Article 10 - Appropriate \$2,500 to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund
 - 1. Only occurs if the budget has a positive ending balance.
 - xi. Article 11 - Appropriate \$1,000 to the HVAC Expendable Trust Fund
 - 1. Only occurs if the budget has a positive ending balance.
 - xii. Article 12 - Appropriate \$1,000 to the School Roofs Expendable Trust Fund
 - 1. Only occurs if the budget has a positive ending balance.
 - a. John Segedy
 - i. The Board can put a vote forward to the public to close out a trust. If the public votes to close a trust, the remaining funds would go to the general fund.
 - b. Melanie Nagy
 - i. How does this differ from Article 9?
 - ii. What would be considered under Article 9 vs. Article 12
 - 1. Answer
 - a. If there is a repair that needs to be done to the roof, then article 12 (Roof Trust) would be used before any money from article 9 (Maintenance Trust).
 - xiii. Article 13 - Appropriate \$1,000 to the Paving Expendable Trust Fund
 - 1. Only occurs if the budget has a positive ending balance.
 - xiv. Article 14 - Accept the reports of agents, committees, and officers chosen as printed in the Annual Reports.
- c. Voting Sessions
 - i. Deliberative Session
 - 1. Saturday, Feb 4, 2022@ 9:00am

2. Hillsboro-Deering High School Gymnasium
- ii. Ballot Voting
 1. Tuesday, Mar 8, 2022
 - a. Hillsborough Voters
 - i. 7:00am - 7:00pm
 - ii. Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Gymnasium
 - b. Deering Voters
 - i. 8:00am - 7:00pm
 - ii. Deering Town Hall
- D. Public Comments and Questions
 - a. No further comments
- E. Close Public Hearing @ 7:40
 - a. Plater moved to close the public hearing. Bober seconds. Motion passed 5-0-0 @ 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Shower