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**Wentworth Budget Work session Meeting Minutes
Wentworth Elementary School
Wentworth, NH
Monday, January 22, 2007**

Members Present: Lee Morrison, Deb Gelsi (5:20 PM), Kathleen Mack (5:30 PM)

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Others Present: 11 members of the community

The budget work session was called at order at 5:10 PM.

Draft #3 of the budget was discussed line by line. Among the topics of discussion were retirement for teachers explanation of increase from 3.7% to 5.8%, a description of the list of expenses for the 2005-2006 school year for co-curricular and athletics salaries, a list of items for all budget lines that increased by 50% or more, and the number of special education students at Wentworth Elementary School. Coaches' salaries were increased by \$100. to reflect a line total of \$3,400. Books and other printed media under the school library services account were decreased by \$1,000 to reflect a line total of \$1,000. School Board salaries account was decreased by \$300. to reflect a line total of \$1,5000. The FICA and associated costs would be adjusted to reflect the salary lines.

Discussion ensued regarding summer school for regular education students. On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to have a warrant article written to reflect \$5,000 for summer school.

The community inquired on the town completing the audit that would be a savings in the school budget. Mrs. Gaides said that it was a function of the SAU office for all of the schools within SAU #48. Mrs. Gelsi left the meeting at 7:00 PM.

After much discussion, on a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to have a warrant article written to reflect \$15,530. for the phone system, doors, and locks. The need for the phone system, doors, and locks reflects safety issues.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the capital reserve fund. On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to have a warrant article written for \$10,000 toward the capital reserve fund. The current balance is \$17,663.73. The HVAC project during the summer of 2006 was under budget. The capital reserve fund remains intact.

The next regular School Board meeting will take place on February 12, 2007 at 6:00 PM. The Budget Hearing will take place at 7:00 PM on February 12, 2007.

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At 7:30 PM, on a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session to discuss personnel.

At 8:10 PM, On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to re-enter Public session.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to not to use the capital reserve fund as authorized by the March 2006 School District Meeting. Said funds were not necessary to complete the project.

The Board announced a 3.8% raise for support staff. The FICA and associated costs will be adjusted to reflect the 3.8% raises. The School Board also adjusted the salary of the school principal, as he does not take the health insurance benefit. The Board requested that the minutes reflect that the adjusted salary of the school principal for the 2007-2008 school year is a \$15,718. savings over the previous year's principal's office budgeted accounts (salary and health insurance benefits).

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to eliminate the warrant article for special education borrowing.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board unanimously voted to accept Draft #3 of the FY '08 budget, and the warrant articles as presented with the changes noted within these minutes.

At 8:35 PM, on a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides
Assistant Superintendent