

SEDGWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, January 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Sedgwick School Library

Special Board/Budget Meeting Agenda

Board Members Present: Susan Ford, Marti Brill, Michele Levesque, Elizabeth True, Sommer Gray

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Donald Buckingham, Larry Cassis, Lynnette Grindle, Sharon Thoner, Margaret Bixby, Beverly Smith

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum (6:06 PM)
2. Approval of the Agenda – Brill and Levesque (5-0)
3. Citizens Comments – Some questions were asked in reference to the process for this budget meeting.
4. Discussion Items
 - A. Budget updates from Superintendent
 - a. Updated 17-18 Budget – The Superintendent passed out the updated budget. Based on fine-tuning and some unbudgeted Special Ed needs the updated budget is up 2.9%. With \$10,000.00 in anticipated carry forward it would be up 2.7% to local taxes.
 - b. Budget Questions:
 - i. Staffing – Larry Cassis handed-out information about his position to the board. The Superintendent handed out the new expectations for the principal's position in regards to technology. There are no new position changes.
 - ii. Supplies – The updated budget has reductions in supplies along with books. The number of expected students is not what was budgeted for. In future years the Superintendent wants to tie increases in this area to number of students.
 - iii. Special Ed – A number of areas are under-budgeted this year including travel, high school per-pupil costs and contracted services. These lines have been increased to meet this need for 17-18.
 - iv. Other?

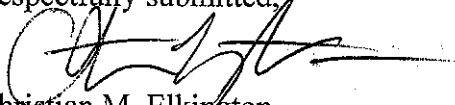
Concerns about where the budget now stands were shared as 2.9% is higher than we had hoped to be going after last year's almost 10%. Much discussion then revolved around if other areas could be trimmed with multiple concerns about being caught short and would it make sense to go back to the Selectmen and voters in that case. After much discussion it was decided to get feedback from the Selectmen and not to change this version of the

budget, but to come back to the next meeting and review the Selectmen's thoughts.

B. Principal Search – The superintendent will send out the next draft of the ad and the job description to board members for review and comment.

5. Adjournment – (7:42 PM), True & Gray (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Elkington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christian M. Elkington
Superintendent