

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
November 15 2012
Minutes
Approved December 6, 2012

Call to Order 6:25pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input I

None seen or heard.

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Roll Call

Marc DeCoff, Selectmen's Representative

Andy McLeod, Chairman

Karl Ingoldsby, Member

Barbara Howard, Member

Greg Fuller, Member

Jeff St. Cyr, School Board Representative

Sidney Leggett, Principal, Alton Central School

Kathy O'Blenes, Alton Central School, Business Administrator

William Lander, School Superintendent

John Markland, Excused Absence

Approval of Agenda

Add list of questions presented by B. Howard to Old Business.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to move approval of minutes after Old Business.

G. Fuller motioned to accept Agenda as amended and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: AM Yes, MD Yes, GF Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes, motion passed 6 – 0.

New Business

Alton Central School Budget Deliberations

K. O'Blenes provided the Committee with a summary sheet that with the health insurance deducted.

Department 1100 – Regular Program

B. Howard motioned to cut Lunch Room Monitor \$4,783.00, Line 51130 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM No, BH Yes, KI No, JS No

Motion failed, 3 in favor – 3 against, tie vote.

B. Howard motioned to cut Line 57350, \$2,399.00 for Tiffany Drum Set and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD No, AM No, BH Yes, KI No, JS No

Motion failed 2 in favor, 4 against.

M. DeCoff motioned to approve the Regular Program 1100 Account for a total of \$3,323,371.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF No, MD No, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion failed, 3 in favor, 3 against, tie vote.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to move discussion of Department 1100 to end of budget discussion.

B. Howard motioned to cut \$1,000.00 from Additional Enrollment and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD No, AM No, BH No, KI No, JS No

Motion failed 6 – 0 against.

A. McLeod motioned to table Department 1100 until after the budget discussion and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: GF No, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

Department 1140 – Technology Department

M. DeCoff motioned to accept Technology Department 1140 in the amount of \$288,354.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: MD Yes, AM Yes, GF No, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

Department 1200 – Special Education

M. DeCoff motioned to cut Line 51110 of Department 1200 Special Education in the amount of \$58,718.00 and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

M. DeCoff amended motion to eliminate \$58,718.00 with all benefits and associated costs and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

Vote: MD Yes, GF Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

Line 51120 – Para Educator

M. DeCoff motioned to remove the amount of \$18,522.00 and associated benefits and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

Vote: MD Yes, GF Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to approve the bottom line of Special Education Account 1200 minus all associated costs with the pre-school added teacher and Para Educator and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

Department 1205 – Special Education Extended Year

J. St. Cyr motioned to approve the bottom line of Special Education Extended Year in the amount of \$29,957.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

Department 1280 – Enrichment Program

J. St. Cyr motioned to approve the bottom line of \$203,034.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: MD Yes, AM Yes, GF No, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

Department 1410 – Co-Curricular Activities

B. Howard motioned to decrease Line 53300, Professional Services Assemblies by \$2,250.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM No, BH Yes, KI No, JS No

Motion failed, 3 in favor, 3 against, tie vote.

G. Fuller motion to cut line item 53300 by \$7,000.00 and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI N, JS N

Motion passed, 5 in favor, 2 against.

M. DeCoff motioned 1410 for bottom line in the amount of \$42,596.00 and was seconded by K. Ingoldsby.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI No, JS No

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

1420 - Athletics

M. DeCoff motioned for Student Athletics 1420 for bottom line in the amount of \$55,700.03 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: MD Yes, GF Yes, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

1430 - Summer School

J. St. Cyr motioned for bottom line in the amount of \$18,861.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF No, MD No, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion failed 3 in favor, 3 against, tie vote.

Discussion

A. McLeod motioned to re-open the vote.

M. DeCoff motioned for line 51640 to remove \$3,500.00 and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

Vote: MD Yes, GF No, AM No, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion failed 3 in favor 3 against.

G. Fuller motioned to re-consider removing \$3,500.00 and was seconded by B Howard.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM No, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

A. McLeod motioned to re-consider the removal of \$3,500.00.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

G. Fuller motioned to remove \$3,500.00 from Line 56410 and was seconded by M DeCoff

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM No, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of 1430 Summer School for \$15,361.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed, 5 in favor, 1 against.

2120 - Guidance

B. Howard motioned for Line 53300, Other Professional Services and Guidance to cut \$2,100.00 to level fund and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD No, AM No, BH Yes, KI No, JS No

Motion failed, 2 in favor, 4 against.

J St. Cyr motioned for bottom line of \$209,976.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 4 in favor, 3 against.

2130 - Health Services

B. Howard motioned to accept Department 2130 in the amount of \$87,346.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

2150 - Speech Services

M. DeCoff motioned to accept Department 2150 for \$114,893.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

2210 – Improvement Instruction

B. Howard motioned to reduce the \$50,000.00 by \$20,000.00 and fund at \$30,000.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD No, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI No, JS No
Motion failed 2 in favor, 4 against.

G. Fuller motioned Line Item 524 to fund at \$42,000.00 and to reduce the line by \$8,000.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD No, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No
Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

A. McLeod motioned for bottom line of \$61,806.86 with the recommendation of \$8,000.00 cut and was seconded by B. Howard

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No
Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

2220 – Library Media

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$124,759.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, KI Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes
Motion passed in favor 6 - 0.

Recess called at 8:25 pm

Meeting resumed at 8:42 pm

2310 - School Board

B. Howard motioned that line 51100 under Salary be reduced by \$12,700.00 and was seconded by G. Fuller.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD No, AM No, BH Yes, KI No, JS No
Motion failed 2 in favor, 4 against.

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$57,553.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF No, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes
Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

2320 – SAU Expenses

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$260,405.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes
Motion passed in favor 6 - 0.

2410 – Principals Office

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$369,342.00 and was second by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes
Motion passed in favor 6 - 0.

2510 - Business Services

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$121,048.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes
Motion passed in favor 6 - 0.

2600 - Building Maintenance

M. DeCoff motioned on line 2654300 remove \$45,000.00 for Asbestos Abatement and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

B. Howard motioned to cut \$15,500.00 for VCT Tile Installation Line 2654300 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to change two part time custodians to two full time custodians and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD No, AM No, BH No, KI Yes, JS No

Motion failed, 1 in favor, 5 against.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to add .6% to the salaries and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

K. Ingoldsby rescinded motion and A. McLeod withdraws second.

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$876,698.00 and was seconded by K. Ingoldsby.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI No, JS No

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

2721 – Transportation

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$361,122.73 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

2722 - Transportation Special Education

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$145,315.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF Yes, AM Yes, MD Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

2724 - Transportation Athletics

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$13,760.50 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes. AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

2725 – Transportation Field Trips

M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line of \$12,000.00 and was second by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

3100 - Food Service

Discussion

**M. DeCoff motioned for the bottom line \$248,235.00 and was seconded by A. McLeod.
Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes
Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.**

4000 – Capital Projects

M. DeCoff motioned \$1.00 for Line 4300 to keep the line open and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

4900 -

M. DeCoff motioned \$5,000.00 and was seconded A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

5200 – Debt Service

M. DeCoff motioned to zero out Line Item 5210 and was seconded by B. Howard.

Discussion

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS No

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 against.

5222 – Special Revenues

K. Ingolsby motioned to approve \$100,000.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: MD Yes, AM Yes, GF Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 - 0

5251 -

B. Howard motion to accept line at zero dollars and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: BH Yes, AM, Yes, MD Yes, GF Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

5252 -

K. Ingolsby motioned to accept line at zero dollars and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: BH Yes, GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

K. Ingolsby motioned to re-open Department 1100 and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH Yes, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed in favor 6 – 0.

K. Ingolsby motioned to approve Department 1100 Regular Program in the amount of \$3,323,371.00 and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD Yes, AM Yes, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion passed 4 in favor, 2 against.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to re-open Line 2320 on SAU Expenses and amend line to add .6% increase on the merit based raise and would like it to be a 3.6% raise and was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

Vote: GF No, MD No, AM No, BH No, KI Yes, JS Yes

Motion failed 2 in favor, 4 against.

K. Ingoldsby motioned to table approval of the Meeting Minutes until next meeting and was seconded by M. DeCoff.

Public Input II

Alton resident Mr. Steve Miller provided the Committee with some information on Improvement Instruction on the warrant article that was presented and passed. Mr. Miller also noted that the School Board is limiting the number of warrant articles and this warrant will probably not be put forth again. Mr. Miller recommended that if this is the case, the Budget Committee should deduct the \$20,000.00 that is currently in the line item from the \$50,000.00 that is requested and use the amount of \$30,000.00. He also recommended that the PMHS budget should be aired for the Alton Residents and invited the Committee to read the comments on the SAU website regarding the School Board.

Discussion

B. Howard motioned to re-open line 2310.

Motion was not seconded.

Public Input II closed

Old Business

There was a review and discussion of B. Howard's requested information from the school.

Adjournment

M. DeCoff motioned to adjourn and was seconded by A. McLeod

All in favor

Adjournment 10:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

Approved December 6, 2012

