

**Hopedale School Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

Members Present: Craig Adams, Chair
Grace Pool, Vice Chair
Lori Hampsch
Lisa Alberto
Kristen Poisson

Also Present: Karen Crebase, Superintendent
Lynne Davis, School Accountant
Brian Miller, Memorial School Principal

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm in the Media Center at the Junior-Senior High School, 25 Adin Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts, with a quorum present.

FY '19 Budget Workshop – The Superintendent reported that the Town has requested an increase of no more than \$360,000 for the FY '19 school budget and recommended that the Committee consider a reduction in the proposed budget. A discussion followed regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for the removal of several items budgeted for next year. These include contracted medical services, an HVAC service contract, curriculum materials, instructional technology, and the acquisition of Smartboards. With additional savings in utilities and through attrition, a revised budget would reflect an increase of \$360,000. Upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto which was seconded by Mrs. Pool, the Committee unanimously voted to accept the recommendations as presented and to revise the 2018-2019 proposed budget to reflect an increase of 3.02% above the appropriated 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$360,000.

After further discussion, it was determined that the Annual Public Hearing for the budget should be scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Adjournment – Upon a motion by Mrs. Pool which was seconded by Mrs. Alberto, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McGuane, Recording Secretary
APPROVED: May 1, 2018