

**Hopedale School Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
Monday, June 18, 2018**

Members Present: Lisa Alberto, Chair
Lori Hampsch
Craig Adams
Alysia Butler

Also Present: Karen M. Crebase, Superintendent
Lynne Davis, School Accountant
Steven Sette, Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 am in the Superintendent's Office at the Junior-Senior High School, 25 Adin Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts, with a quorum present. The meeting had been posted as an emergency meeting to discuss FY 2019 budget issues which would impact consideration of the school budget at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 19, 2018.

The Superintendent reviewed the budget process to date and the discussions at a meeting on June 15, 2018 between the Superintendent, Mrs. Alberto, Board of Selectman Chair Louis Arcudi and Mr. Sette. The parties had explored ways to address the Town's current funding deficit for FY 2019.

A solution was presented to the Committee which would allocate \$225,000 of the school department's capital needs to a \$2.5 million dollar bond being sought by the Town. In addition, the schools would allocate an additional sum against a revolving account for FY 2019. A discussion followed regarding the Town's levy capacity, the potential need for an override in FY 2019 and FY 2020, and capital expenditures that could be funded by the bond.

At 8:20 am, the Town's legal counsel, Lauren Goldberg, Esq. of KP Law, called in to the meeting to address any questions the members had regarding the budget and the potential use of revolving account funds. After the call, discussions followed regarding the bond, the Town's debt obligations, past budgets, and potential future sources of income.

Mr. Sette departed the meeting at 9:05 am.

The members briefly discussed the proposed solution. Upon a motion by Mr. Adams which was seconded by Mrs. Hampsch, the Committee voted unanimously to move \$225,000 of capital expenses to the bond and to allocate a one-time amount up to \$160,000 to the school choice revolving account for FY 2019.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McGuane, Recording Secretary
APPROVED: August 21, 2018