

3/30/21 7:00pm Carl Brunetti

Carl Brunetti, BobTurner, Dave Hartley, Mike Babbitt, Mike O'Connell, Rhonda Lacombe, BillDiBiasio, Maryanne Bessette, Donna Sullivan, Mark Enander, Andrew Esposito

Also in attendance: SchoolDepartment and School Committee and School Administration

Larry Fillippelli, John McNamee, Allyn Granthym, Kevin McNamara, Kristine Donabedian Bill McManus, Joe Goho, Town Administrator/Chief Brian Sullivan, Fred Hoppe and Keith Macksoud

\*if marked **red** this denotes absent

Correspondence:

Question from Maryanne for athletics, curbing and paving and questions for school department questions on rugs and update the

Municipal operating budget for questions we sent

Public Comment: None

New Business:

No decisions have been made by the BB

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Looking for the adjusted numbers on the carpeting and waiting for the amount of the rooms that we are agreeing to. John Picozzi has all the information and

Larry said all of the carpets need to be replaced due to health and safety

Issue in the classroom with 5th disease etc.

Our concern is being that you are putting rugs on top of rugs and this makes no sense and it would be a safety issue. VCT is the only way that we should be going according to John McNamee.

Mike O spoke with John Picozzi

Criticism with the classroom rug replacement according to the valley breeze and the carpets were prioritized because of the school department should be looking at the window replacement and the windows savings will replace the rugs.

Joe Goho to reiterated what Dr. Fillippelli said that many nurses and principals have concerns about hand/foot and mouth disease and allergies etc. The carpets can be vacuumed and cleaned more but this will not get rid of the germs that breed.

Bob Turner responded to Joe Goho and said will this be considered as reimbursable with the COVID funding. Want to hear about all of the items that are asked, wants and needs. Consider all projects we weigh out the expenses and revenues to make a determination.

Joe Goho can we talk about why we have not addressed the windows this was by intention since we were working with the money that was being talked about.

Mike Babbitt said these elementary schools have no air handlers and why is this not considered when we have the systems in the HS and the MS.

Bob Turner said 5.2 million and 1.45 million for learning loss in COVID funding for the School Department 6.3 million for the Municipal side.

We are not against doing projects we just needed to have the funding. Can we use the COVID money on the technology side? This may be according to John McNamee.

What are the restrictions? There is no information on how we can use this money, learning loss cannot be the only reason?

John McNamee extended year- tutoring etc. possibly ventilation and windows.

De Fillippelli RIDE department is forwarding an email he will send to the Budget Board

1. Energize school
2. Programs for student for after school
3. Close the gap on the learning loss

50% overall-25% summer activities 25% for upgrades at the school

Capital is the High School going to have more needs

Tech Room buildout being included

John McNamee – 2 computer MEARs 174 for computer leases for build- engineering computer 60K upgrade Saylesville IT 50K class room refresh Chromebook 131,500

Athletics is also very high

Larry Fillippelli STEM will this be allowable for reimbursement- unknown

This program begins in the Middle school and goes through to the High School

Electronics projects that are STEM based

Kevin McNamara This is a pre-engineering program there are activities –digital story telling- math Olympiad this allows them to develop skills.

Capital project for Northern – we feel SOD with sprinklers would be beneficial.

5-year plan 160K was allocated and 100K was RIDE total of 260K now we are getting another new 5-

yearplan by July no addition to Lonsdale is required and the SchoolDepartment/Committee is looking to reorganize the space in the elementaryschools.

Larry Fillippelli- we will have to spread out all over the elementary schools. Some classrooms under and over utilized they have met with RGB and Collier.

Carl Brunetti- we know the decline is not static

Larry Fillippelli-Windows- engineering for site work if there are any inequities we need to spend the money equally.

Bob has a report dated July 2020 but Dr Fillippelli had another one done 1/2021 as COVID progressed

Mike O'Connell to Larry Fillippelli can you comment on the enrollment projected- Forecast of NESDC. This is a rolling data and we also use census data

Mike Babbitt - Do you have a list of future needs? John McNamee we have the Capital list 123K the only column that needs to be considered.

Extra Storage door 1500 for an overhead is the preference

Future Maintenance Shop

Projectors 44K

Security camera fiber cabling

Maintenance shop-Auto Tech area

Wood Storage old boiler room 25K for heat

Carl- last year we cut back on Capital due to decline of Twin River revenue, we have 750K capital and 90K open space

We are bound by our cap 106 million in Debt Service, 5.8 million in other loans total 111,8 million.

Mike O'Connell question Structural Debt 78% of the spend is teachers 3.1 every year for growth this only leaves 18.9% going toward the kids? Educational programs to make a difference.

State is trying to put out a bill for Retirement programs, but the drastic change that was made by the administration with the pension will not allow people to retire this is causing us to have higher step teachers.

Bill – John, Mike Omet on transportation to cut the cost this will be hard to do. We will need to have fortitude and perseverance to succeed.

Bob looks differently 2012 this happened within 10 years we had a landscape change. Fred Hoppe said with 15 years this will repeat again

It is impossible to get the higher positions without a Masters this is competing with many schools. Special Eds., Physics and Math Sciences. This is why there is a bottom line budget so you can make the adjustments as you see fit.

Busses is there any COVID consideration? Not at this time that we are aware of.

Bill DiBiasio adjustment to the working rate on health care

Scope for Saylesville:

Drain the rear of Saylesville that needs to be maintained, walkway uneven spots. Some of the walkway is right off the curb. One reason why we said the area needs to be done. The walk way is not ADA compliant and this should be looked at. An expanded scope with possibility to expand the spend.

Education Budget nothing

Municipal Budget motion Bob Turner second Bill DiBiasio move the 4200- restore the police line Grant Matching back to 10K

Move the bottom line 5,438,845 increase 210,643. Motion by Bob Turner and second by Bill DiBiasio unanimous

4230 Human Services 14,619 move the bottom line Bill DiBiasio second by Bob Turner unanimous

Fixed Charges 4700 Move the bottom line 5,798,423 Motion by Bill DiBiasio and second by Bob Turner decrease of 177,719 unanimous

Operating budget 23,307,977 Decrease of 426,121 Bill DiBiasio and second by Bob Turner unanimous

Public Comment: Fred Hoppe- Retirement Piece

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Andrew Esposito and Seconded by Dave Hartley at 9:30 pm

Next Meeting date:

3/31/2021

4/1/2021