

Chatham School District Summary 2017-2018 Budget Meeting
February 8, 2017 Meeting called to order at 6pm

Purpose: To vote on Warrant Articles and Appropriations recommended by the School Board for 2017-2018 Chatham School District to be voted on at Town Meeting March 14, 2017.

Attendance: Pam Stimpson Director of Special Education
Jim Hill Director of Finance

Chatham School Board Members: Susan Crowley and Jane Loundsbury

Budget Committee members: Lisa Lewis (Chairman) Ellie Eastman, Doug McPhearson, Kathy Harju and George Perry

Public Attendance: Bill Perry, Kimberly Callen, Trisha Pitman and Alan Eastman

Pam Stimpson and Jim Hill went over the proposed budget line by line.
The budget is for 36 elementary students and 15 Fryeburg academy students.

Kim Callan asked a question if the transportation cost was on a true count of bus miles or an estimate. It was stated by Jill Hill that it is a true count of mileage.

Ellie Eastman asked if there was any updated information on billing private insurance for reimbursed medical expenses as mentioned in the last school board meeting. Pam Stimpson stated there is a privacy issue, no staff for billing private insurance and it would be too expensive. Currently they use an outside contractor to medicaid billing.

Lisa Lewis asked if the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fund could be adjusted. Pam Stimpson stated the article reads for \$20,000. and could not be changed at this time. We were voting to recommend or not recommend that amount.

The vote to raise and appropriate \$891,363.00 for the School budget was recommended 5-0 by the budget committee.

The Vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to be placed in the Capital reserve Fund (Special Education) was recommended by the budget committee 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Minutes recorded by Kathy Harju but not approved.